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For Zion's Sake—chastened of God,—
I will not hold my peace;
For Salem,—smitten by his rod,—
My labors shall not cease.

I'll daily wrestle at his throne
For mercy to the race
Of Judah; are they not his own?
Shall they not find his grace?

Yes; when his church is stirred to pray,
Oh Salem; for thy line,
As orient light of breaking day
Thy righteousness shall shine.

As lamp that cheers the gloomy night,
Shall thy salvation be;
Gentiles shall hail thy rising light,
And kings thy glory see.

Forsaken thou no more shalt lie,—
No more thy land shalt pine;
Beulah shall be its title high,
And Hephzi-bah be thine.

Thy scattered sons, from many a shore
Shall eager throng to thee;
Widowed and desolate no more,—
Thy land shall married be.

In thee, as bridegroom o'er his bride
Jehovah shall rejoice;
For evermore thou shalt abide
The people of his choice.—*Selected.*

ON A MISSION TO THE LAND OF MY FATHERS.

REV. ISAAC LEVINSOHN IN "THE JEWISH HERALD."



THE Committee of the British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Jews, having a desire to find out the spiritual needs of the Jews in Palestine through their own representative, instructed me to undertake this Mission, and to report to them from personal observation. Charmed with the prospect of treading those holy fields most precious to every Jew and objects of veneration to every Christian, I gladly undertook the responsible and yet delightful task. The anticipation of visiting the homes, and preaching the Gospel to my brethren in Palestine was a prospect of peculiar delight, for which I thanked God with all the powers within me. After a brief sojourn in Rome, Naples and Brindisi, we proceeded as fast as the Austrian Lloyd's steamer enabled us, to

ALEXANDRIA.

After a most enjoyable voyage on the lovely, blue Mediterranean for a little over three days, we were charmed when beholding the pilot boat nearing us to take us into harbor, through the complicated channels of the Western Old Port, which are beset with shoals and reefs. At last, thank God, we reached the harbor in perfect safety. The view of land on right and left was most interesting. In the distance we recognized the grand Pillar of Pomp  y, a splendid monument recalling a thousand memories. As we landed, strange feelings of awe came over us, as we exclaimed: "We are now in the land so famous in history! The land distinguished for its civilization and powerful monarchy, when the father of the faithful 'Went forth from Ur of the Chaldees to go into the land of Canaan'" (Gen. xi, 31). It

was in great splendor when the patriarch's sons were there in wretched slavery. It was its best and most brilliant times when David and Solomon reigned over the chosen tribes. Egypt, home of some of the grandest heroes with whom the world has ever been honored. Wonderful land! the attraction of the Roman conquerors, the desire of the Persian and Macedonian warriors. Egypt, home of some of the finest philosophers from Greece. Egypt, land of delightful meditation to saints, such as Athanasius and Origen, who delighted to dwell there. Land of the Pharaohs! how inspiring a view of that land, when recalling the most thrilling events in the history of the infant Saviour, when Joseph "Arose and took the young Child and His mother by night, and departed into Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 'Out of Egypt, have I called My Son.'"

Having got safely landed and comfortably settled in the hotel, and after some rest and breakfast, we went out to ramble about the streets of an oriental city for the first time. Curious, indeed, to us, was the sight of many half-naked Arabs and others, in costumes so unfamiliar to a European. There were garments and turbans of many colors. The dervishes had on high light caps. The faces of the women were covered with black veils, showing their eyes only. Maidens were carrying earthen vessels upon their heads with dignity. Mothers were carrying their children on their shoulders, reminding us of the descriptive prophecy of Isaiah xlix, 22: "Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up Mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up My standard to the people; and they shall bring thy sons in *their* arms, and

thy daughters shall be carried upon *their* shoulders." Still more strange and interesting was it to see other women tenderly carrying their offspring upon their sides, charmingly reminding us of the words of Isaiah lxvi, 12, "For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon *her* sides, and be dandled upon *her* knees."

We visited Pompey's Pillar, which stands on a splendid eminence. Obelisks and ruined fragments of ancient deities lie scattered over the plain. Beholding these gods, made by the hands of men, in shapes most revolting and disgusting, we were constrained to remember the words, "How are thy gods fallen, O Egypt. Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment."

A VISIT TO THE JEWISH SYNAGOGUE.

Not having sufficient time to make acquaintance with Jews in the ordinary way, I went to the synagogue during the time of morning service. After witnessing the evident want of earnestness in their devotional exercises, I entered into conversation with an elderly man, with whom I remonstrated for the want of reverence in the house of prayer, to which he pleaded guilty, but excused himself thus: "We have no temple, and no sacrifices, and no priest," and worship in this place could not be of such great importance as in the ancient sanctuary. After some further conversation, I reminded him of the words of Israel's greatest Teacher and Prophet, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship *Him* in spirit and in truth" (John iv, 24).

ON THE WAY TO CAIRO.

After spending a couple of days in Alexandria, we started for Cairo: a journey of about four and a half hours

by rail, a distance of 130 miles. The ride is intensely interesting. Objects of considerable curiosity constantly meet the eye. Passing through the different stations, we found boys and girls flocking with their earthen jars, offering the thirsty traveler a refreshing draught of cold water; men and women thrusting their oranges into the carriages for prices which seemed to us ridiculously cheap; and half-naked children and adults holding out their dirty hands, and asking for backshish; and as I responded to the request of some, and gave them small gifts, I could not help exclaiming: "Here am I, a descendant of the race that once was in slavery in this land, oppressed by these people; but now how different? Now they humbly beg and gladly accept backshish from *me*!"

At last we arrived in Cairo. Having found our way to a comfortable hotel, we hastened to visit such places of interest as Cairo offers. The narrow streets with their strange irregularities told us that we were in a truly oriental city. The bazars, mosques, the strange exteriors of the houses, all help to impress upon the mind the strangeness of the Arabic style. A visit to the Mosque of Sultan Hassan is worthy of the undertaking. Its lofty and beautifully ornamented porch, the rich cornice of its towering walls, its minaret, and the arches of its spacious court, are most interesting and instructive. This mosque is considered by the Caireens as superior to all others. It is said that when the architect completed this edifice, the king ordered his hand to be cut off, so that he might never be able to build another like it.

After visiting the tombs of the Caliphs of Egypt, of the Bahrite Mameluke Kings, the Baths, Pyramids, &c., we visited the Jewish synagogue. Here we found a number of Jews, who were most willing to show us everything sacred to them.

We freely conversed with them] on the "Hope of Israel," to which they listened with respectful attention.

Our object being to reach Palestine as soon as possible, we took train to Ismalia, and thence boat through the Suez Canal, and arrived at Port Said in time for the boat to Jaffa.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. BEN ZION.

The steamer for Jaffa was crowded with Jewish pilgrims, who were on their way to the Holy Land. Many of these were from Russia, Poland, Austria, Spain and Portugal. Soon I found myself in conversation with some, with whom I delighted to be able freely to speak of Moses and the prophets and, above all, *Christ*—the greater than Moses. How charmed I was to find that some of these sons of Abraham had already heard the Scriptures expounded by our noble missionary, Dr. Ben Zion, of Odessa. These Jews seemed perfectly acquainted with the Messianic passages of Scripture. It was most interesting to me to listen to some of them as they rehearsed the story of the Crucified Redeemer, which they had learned from our dear missionary. Having provided myself with some portions of Scriptures and tracts, I distributed them; and some offered payment for these gifts. Several shook hands with me, repeating the old Jewish blessing: "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

(NOTE.—Rev. Isaac Livinshon, writer of this letter, a Polish Jew, is connected with the British Society for the propagation of the Gospel among the Jews. Rev. Spurgeon says, "We had much pleasure in knowing Rev. Isaac Livinshon before he entered the Pastor's College. In the college and in his work since we have had great content. Oh! that the Lord would call by his grace

many from among the tribes of Israel.

Henry O'Neill, Esq., who has recently returned from Palestine says: * * *

The first mission we visited was Cairo. There we found a flourishing mission doing a grand work for the Master. When I went into the school in Cairo and heard about 500 boys and girls singing the 23d Psalm, I could not help repeating the language of the 103d Psalm:

"Bless, oh my soul, the living God,
And not forgetful be."

As we journeyed to Beyrout, Damascus, Constantinople, Adanah and Tarsus, and visited the various missions of the whole church of Christ in that land, we were filled with the very deepest gratitude to the Head of the Church for what he is doing. In Tarsus and Adanah there are some 600 or 700 children under the teaching of the Gospel, and they are making great progress. But we have had only one convert in Tarsus—a Jew. A man wandered into the mission one day and said to Dr. Mattheney: "I have heard about you and would like to hear what you have to say about your Saviour." He told me his whole history. He was a clerk in a clothing store, and when he came to the doctor he gave him a number of texts to think about. Frequently after that he came to the doctor and attended the schools and the preaching. After about three months he came back one day, and Dr. Mattheney said his face was so radiant that he never saw such a change in all his life. He looked perfectly happy, though previously he had had the most miserable and dejected appearance. He said, "I have studied all the texts you gave me, and I have found you are right. There is no question about it. And I want to tell you I have found the Saviour and believe in him." I had been finding a good deal of fault with Dr. Mattheney, but he said, "O'Neill, you are always grumbling, but does not that

one soul we have been the means, in the hand of the Saviour, of bringing to a knowledge of the truth, pay for all the money we have spent during these years?" That young man is now in Beaver Falls College, Pa., studying for the ministry, and is a most devoted Christian. One of the speakers here spoke of the difficulties and hardships the Jew experiences when he gives up his religion, but when that young man spoke to his father and mother concerning the step he was about to take, his father scolded him, found fault with him, and became surly and cross with him. His mother wept over him, put her arms about his neck and clasped him to her bosom, saying: "My son, my son, I cannot possibly give you up. You know how much I love you, and how tender and dear the tie is that exists between you and me. It is impossible for me to give you up." He replied, "Mother, I know you love me, but you know I love the Saviour, and much as you love me I must and will acknowledge Christ." When his father heard what he had made up his mind to do, he banished him out of the house and sent him away. He was also discharged from the store where he was employed, and although Dr. Mattheney has been in that country for twenty years, he could not, with all his influence, get him another situation. Look at the difficulties in the way of a man's conversion in that land of the Bible.

In Samaria we met an old Jewish Rabbi, who told us there were about 130 to 145 of them in the congregation who were the only remnant of God's true Israel. He said they were the only remnant of the ten tribes. He was supported entirely by selling little relics to travelers. His people were able to give him almost nothing. He told us about their worship and services, and how they still keep the Passover and every rite precisely as it was long before the Saviour ap-

peared. I was only able to talk to him through an interpreter, but I said to him, "You certainly do not believe what you are saying to us, that you are the only true people of God." But there is no question that every one of them believed it.

Extracts from Hebrew Christian.

* * * A great work is being done in Russia through a lawyer by the name of Rabinowich, who was brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus through reading the Gospels and not through any Christian missionaries.

The testimony of Mr. Rabinowich is growing more clear and full, as will be seen by the following appeal, with which he recently concluded a sermon:

Lift up your eyes, my brethren, unto Mount Golgotha, and behold there the ransom which delivers our souls from the curse of God, pronounced on Mount Ebal, and which bestows upon us the blessing of our Father in Heaven more abundantly than the blessing on Mount Gerizim. Only behold the Cross of the Messiah, and you will see clearly that here is the gate of Jehovah, into which the righteous shall enter; the only access opened unto all men, be they Jew or Gentiles, that in one spirit they may draw near to our Father in Heaven. Open your eyes and behold the Lord of Glory, Jesus the Crucified; how glorious is this High Priest, who himself is the propitiation for our sins. How beautiful, how lovely is the Great Shepherd of the flock, who himself is the Lamb of God, which beareth the sin of the world, and who comes as our Messiah, bringing peace to them that are afar off and to them that are nigh.

My brethren, if you esteem your souls precious, and if you desire to be citizens of the city, and to be numbered among the saints, and in the household of God, then bow this day your knees before the

King of Glory, before Jesus, crowned for you with the crown of thorns; smite your breasts and confess your sins and the sins of your fathers, and the iniquity they have committed against the Son of God, Jesus, the Messiah. Say, then, O house of Israel: "Surely, all we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way, but Jéhovah laid on him the iniquity of us all; for the iniquity of his people was he stricken. For only with Jesus, the Messiah, is redemption, and he shall deliver Israel from all his sins."

It may indeed be regarded as a wonderful thing in the history of the Jews that words like these should be uttered from Sabbath to Sabbath, by an Israelite to

Israelites, in the Hebrew tongue, and that in these meetings for worship the Scriptures of the New Testament are read as the Word of God, and prayer is offered in the name of Jesus. We would earnestly ask the prayers of our friends that the Holy Ghost may bless the words and make them effectual in the conversion of many souls. We should also remember our beloved brother, who has to contend with many difficulties and trials in his peculiar position, that he may be guided by Heavenly wisdom, and upheld and strengthened in his great work.

May these specimens of Mr. Rabinowich's teachings encourage his friends and deepen their interest in this evangelist, so wonderfully raised up in Israel.

WORSHIP OF THE JEWS IN RUSSIA.

BY I. H. LISHNIEFSKY.

THE Jewish temple in Russia is built somewhat like our churches, only the pulpit stands a little elevated in the circle of the auditorium, surrounded by benches. During week days itinerant and native expounders of the law assemble there; and from morning till late in the evening, sometimes without intermission, make the most exquisite and hair-splitting definitions of the precepts of Moses' law. These intellectual combats and artistic exertions on the rope of Talmudistic metaphysics are sometimes carried to such a degree of excitement that not infrequently the fingers of one zealous contestant are found tightly clasped in the mutilated hair of the other not less zealous opponent, who, nevertheless, is far from relinquishing a single jot from his proposition. At night the benches are turned into beds, commentaries and "precious" copies of the Talmud into pillows; and the temple at large is turned into a dormitory until next morning, when the tournaments are again resumed. These

scenes, with some variations, continue during the whole week until Friday noon when the temple is put into some tolerable condition; and in the evening of the same day the Jewish Sabbath (Saturday) is inaugurated. The services consist in prayers, devotional exercises, and the singing of hymns, of which the following verses may serve as an example:

"In life's short journey we delight
To meet thy day of rest.
Wearied with six days' care and toil,
We love thy Sabbath rest.

"Thus said thy God in richest love,
Hear, O my people, hear!
Thy dust and sackcloth lay aside,
In glorious robes appear."

These preliminary services of their Sabbath are attended by the males only. The ladies, as a rule, stay at home and prepare the eatables for the coming day, as they are not allowed to do any work whatever, not even cooking, on their Sabbath. On Saturday morning they again repair to the temple for worship, which

lasts about two hours, and consists in reading an appointed portion of Old Testament prayers, supposed to have been composed by Ezra, and read by the public reader and people alternately while standing, with their eyes closed, and the upper part of the body oscillating forward and backward. Only married ladies, in a gallery hanging over the auditory and shut off by curtains, attend the services. After some liturgies, the services are closed by the inculcation of the "thirteen creeds" (something like our Confession of Faith), that were composed in the twelfth century by a celebrated Jewish scholar, Moses Maimonides, whom, to the present day, they call "the great eagle of the doctors," "the glory of the East," and "the light of the West" "the great luminary," etc., and all these swelling epithets are summed up by them in the saying that, "from Moses unto Moses, there was not a greater than Moses." The following are, in substance, the thirteen creeds: 1. I believe with a perfect faith, etc., that God is the Creator and Governor of all things. 2. That he is the only God. 3. He is incorporeal, incomprehensible by man's reason, and dissimilar from all created things. 4. He is the first and the last. 5. He alone is to be worshiped. 6. All the words of the prophets are true. 7. Moses is the father of all the wise men, previous and subse-

quent to him; all the prophecies are true, etc. 8. Every part of the law, at present in our hands, has been transmitted to us from Moses. 9. This law never will be changed or superseded by any other record of the Creator's will. 10. The Creator knows all the deeds and thoughts of men. 11. He rewards those who obey and punishes those who transgress his commandments. 12. The Messiah will surely come, and his arrival must be waited for, however tardy it be. 13. The dead will rise when it pleases the Creator.

On their Sabbath afternoon they have preaching. Psalms are chanted. At the setting of the sun a third series of services close up the Sabbath, with a petition that God may accept all the offerings, etc., for Abraham's sake.—*Gospel in all Land.*

It was reported a few years ago that the Sultan of Turkey had offered Palestine for sale to the Rothschilds, and one of these Rothschilds is reported to have said, "Why Palestine belongs to us by right, and the time will come, according to the promise of God, when Palestine will be given back to God's ancient people, and they will occupy it as they did when Joshua led them victoriously into it and divided it among the twelve tribes." —*Hebrew Christian.*

WHAT ARE THE WANTS OF THE AVERAGE HOME MISSION STATION?

For the MISSIONARY MAGAZINE.



OME Mission Stations, Home Missionaries and their friends have cried so often and loud through the pulpit, church courts, conventions and church papers about their wants that it seems useless to cry any more. Surely every person must know by this time what their wants are.

Nothing new respecting them can reasonably be expected. But the call comes to us again and again, sound the trumpet, rally the boys, keep the ball rolling. It is the Christian's scandal that it is needful to keep the artillery of heaven roaring in his ears continually to keep him from going to sleep over the one great commission God gave him, namely, take the cup of salvation, drink first yourself,

then hand it to all in your house, and to all about your door.

We name then as one of the wants of every Home Mission station, that the whole church know all about it, its name, location, works, graces, struggles, battles, victories and defeats, and be kept fully awake to its interests. Workmen work harder and more cheerfully, racers run more swiftly, soldiers fight more bravely, and pupils study more earnestly, when they know what multitudes are watching them and are anxious for their success. Home Mission stations are no exception. In New Testament times it did the stations good to have Paul, Peter, James and others remember them, and write them a letter. It does the foreign Mission station good to know that the church at home knows all about her and is always delighted to hear her stories. So with the Home Mission Station. Moreover it does the station good to tell its wants, and tell them often. It is good for a baby to cry. It is a good sign. It shows life and health; that the child knows its wants, knows that it has a mother, and that it expects its mother to love it and feed it. But whilst the child ought to know its mother, the mother ought to know the child, love it and care for it.

2nd. Still more does it need to be well remembered in heaven—prayed for—prayed for often: that Christ would plant it, water it, keep it, nourish it, help it, love it, according to all that He has promised. The church is its mother. Every mother ought to pray for her child, pray often and earnestly. Who can tell the worth of a mother's prayers. Every member of the Church should pray the Father for it and send the prayer by the hand of Jesus Christ.

What the station wants is to make out a list of its temporal and spiritual wants, as distinctly itemized as the report it sends to the Assembly, and let all the members, the elders and missionary unite in

sending them up to the Father; send them by Christ as their commissioner to present them to the Father, and let them put the same faith in the Father and in Christ that they do in the Assembly and their commissioner, and they will soon find that the 23rd Psalm has become a new song, "My Shepherd is the Lord Most High. And all my wants shall be supplied." What every station needs is a Paul to bow his knees day and night to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ on its behalf; a David to pray, "peace be within thy walls, and may thy palaces ever retain prosperity.

Third. The presence and help of the Holy Spirit is indispensable. Not a bone in the valley of spiritual death will move until the Spirit moves it. No Jerusalem sinner cries, I am undone, what shall I do, I surrender to the despised Jesus, until the Spirit comes. No heathen opens his heart to the missionary's "good news from heaven," until the Holy Spirit quickens it. But when the Spirit commences work, how marvelously everything begins to change. The heart, cold and hard as a stone, melts and becomes as easily impressed with the gospel as wax. How easy they who have ears can hear; how easy they who have tongues can talk, sing and pray; how easy they who have feet can walk, and how skillfully they who have hands can work, and how generously they who have this world's goods can give; how brave the coward becomes to stand up for the truth and fight sin; how easy for the brother to say to the brother, "come let us go up to the house of the Lord." It is only in heaven itself that a sweeter song is sung than when the station sings: "It of Zion shall be told, multitudes in her were born. God the Highest by his might will establish her on earth. God shall nations records write, counting these in her had birth, or when it sings: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whence joy to us is brought."

Fourth. A good minister is much needed. A Paul to plant, an Apollos to water; one of those whom Paul says Christ sends from on high to feed the saints until they grow up into Christ Jesus in all things. Small stations, having few members, less money and surrounded by a legion of devouring foes, frequently ask the Board and Assembly to give them as good as they have. The chilling answer is made them: "We have not many Pauls, nor Johns, nor Spurgeons, nor Moodys, and we need them all for older and bigger places. Is this wise? Does not reason teach that the most delicate babe should have the most skillful and careful nurse, the freshest and best bread and milk? It matters not what kind of a vessel it is sent in, whether earthen, tin or gold, or whether the vessel is brand new, just out of the factory or has been used fifty years, so that it is clean and holds sweet fresh milk and plenty of it; the child will do well on it. If headquarters will see to it that such is furnished their stations, they will be troubled no more with specially good men, as they are called. It gladdens us exceedingly to know that the cry is almost hushed and that there is scarcely a station that has the least reason to complain that its mother gives it poor bread. * * *

Sixth. Organization. This has come to be pretty well understood. Good elders, deacons, well disciplined Sabbath-school, prayer meeting, missionary society, Y. P. S. C. E. are all needed to complete the outfit. But there is such a thing as being organized too much. We may have more machinery than fuel, water and hands. In that case it is better to not set up all the machinery until the needed supply is obtained. But much of it can not be dispensed with. A pastor is as needful as a head is to a man; a sound warm-hearted session as much as a heart; a good prayer meeting can no more be dispensed with than the lungs;

Sabbath school, Y. P. S. C. E. and Missionary society are almost as useful as feet and hands. Each of these need to know their place, their work and promptly do it, as the members of the body know and keep their places and do their work when called on.

Seventh. Sympathy of the whole denomination. The Home Mission station is the foot. The head should give attention to the foot. It may not despise it. Not unfrequently members from distant parts sojourn in the bounds of the station for days, weeks and even months, but instead of worshipping with the little flock they go to some temple where multitudes congregate. Members of the United Presbyterian church are brothers and sisters in Christ to us in a deeper sense than any other in the world. Surely they never stop to count up how much they hurt us when they do not assemble with us for worship while sojourning among us.

Eighth. It should be modestly advertised in the church papers. If its name never appears in the papers no one will know it or pray for it. When John published the state of things in the Seven Churches of Asia he told both the good and bad he found in them; praised the good and promised a reward for it, condemned the bad, called for repentance and threatened sore trouble if it was not done. John was a model advertiser.

Ninth. An assistant of some kind is greatly needed. Not necessarily a preacher or highly educated or gifted person, but one full of the Holy Spirit—a well-rounded-out Christian, who can go from house to house, person to person, find out how it is with the soul, apply the leaves of the tree that are for the healing of the nations to its sores; bring the lost to the fold and take a leading part in all the meetings connected with the Mission, also give life to them. This was more than hinted to us by Christ when he sent

out the twelve by twos; more than intimated when the Holy Ghost said, "separate me Paul and Barnabas for the work whereunto I have called them." More than half taught when Paul and Barnabas each chose a partner, when they set out on their mission tour. Every pastor and missionary finds himself virtually compelled to choose for himself a helper. Be it man or woman they are as indispensable almost as the preacher. In many, if not all our Mission stations, a character of this kind can be and should be secured. Many are educated who follow

other occupations than the ministry. This class of persons should consider themselves called of God to find positions in the bounds of the missions of the church as much as a missionary is called to find a Mission station and labor in it. They were educated not simply to make a living for themselves, but to work in the Lord's vineyard. Mission stations should call such to come and settle among them, and advertise for them as they do for a missionary in a church paper.

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A GLIMPSE AT THE MISSIONARY'S SIDE.

From the Helping Hand.

"Mother, are you going to another missionary meeting today?"

"Yes, my dear, do you not think it best?"

"Well, now, mother, you have lots of work to do; and if you go to the meeting, it will take nearly a day, and the next day you will have a headache, and extra work to do. Besides, I shall be real lonely without you."

"You will hardly be lonely with three persons in the house; and as for the work,—well, I shall have to look to God for strength according to my days."

"But, mother, I should like to know who pays all the money that it costs. Who pays the car fare? Who buys the new gloves and boots and good dresses, so that you can look nicely when you stand up before the people? I wish you would take me just one time, so I can see how my mother looks in the pulpit. You know, mother, that you and I have always planned together; and why not look this matter through, and see just how much it costs, and how much worse off you are after attending a meeting? Tell me some of your experiences, that we may the better understand it."

"Very well, my dear; but you know

this is not a matter we publish abroad. These meetings are a part of the machinery necessary to interest people in carrying out the command of the Lord. And the difficulties attending them will, no doubt, in time be cleared away. At present there is a deal of crudeness in their management. At one time, I was called to X., N. Y. I traveled all day, and reached Albany too late to make connections, so was obliged to remain there until morning. I had heard only of the Delavan House; but, supposing that to be an expensive place, I asked the conductor of the train to recommend to me a moderate priced but respectable hotel. I went to the one he mentioned, took a tea of low-priced articles, mounted to my room, a small one with no outside window, and went to bed at seven o'clock on a summer's evening. Early next morning, I was on my way, and reached the place in time for the meeting. A lady interested in home missions was there to represent that work; and, after we had both spoken, a collection was taken amounting to six dollars, three of which was given to the home mission lady and three to me. I expended eleven dollars in reaching the place.

"Another time, I was exceedingly busy—

cleaning house, and had carpets up, window shades down, and everything in confusion, but hoping everything would be reduced to order by Saturday night. The door-bell rang, and who should appear but Mrs. Elwin and Mrs. Charles to see myself. I smoothed my hair, put on a clean tie, and ran down stairs to welcome them. They were full of trouble about their missionary meeting. It had been extensively advertised, and speakers announced. Now, at the last moment, the speakers could not be present; and would I help them?

"How could I? I had not a moment to spare. Every hour had its allotted task; and there was no use trying to make another hour out of the twenty-four, nor could I reasonably expect more than usual strength. 'But they would do anything for me,' they said. 'They would put down carpets, put up curtains, or anything else.' Out of sympathy for their dilemma, I consented to go. But my gloves were all ragged, and I must have a new pair. My neckties were worn out; and, to be presentable, a new one must be bought. I comforted myself with the thought that no doubt the gratitude of the ladies would take a practical turn, and with the money they gave me I would hire Mrs. McCarthy to help me with carpets and cleaning paint. So, with my new gloves and tie, I attended the meeting. The interest was real, no doubt, as the ladies present wept pretty pearly tears on fine, embroidered handkerchiefs. Mrs. Elwin said she never had attended a more healthful meeting, she knew great and lasting good had been done. The contribution taken was nearly thirty dollars. But, alas! they did not even pay my car fares; and I went home a sadder, if not a wiser, woman. Now, I must do two days' work in one, and have many bitter thoughts for my companions."

"But, mother; why will you do it?

Why not say *no* so decidedly that there will be no use urging you?"

"Because, years ago, I gave myself soul and body to the work of foreign missions, to do what I can while life shall last. When I have been on foreign shores, I have loved to do to the extent of my ability. Now that I am at home for a time, I see a great many persons who are not interested, or but slightly so, who could, if they would, be a great power for good in the Lord's cause. If I can do anything here to interest and stir to activity these Christians, it is a privilege, a part of the work to which I have given my life. So, while I can in any way afford it, I shall continue my work. That others do not do their duty is not a reason why I should neglect mine. No doubt some people think I have a salary from the general society, and thus my time is at their disposal free of charge.

"One more incident I will give you, and then we must give our minds to other subjects. I was called by a most devoted lady to a far distant state to help her in a number of meetings, as the missionary interest in her state had well-nigh died out. You remember my going last spring, and the pies and cookies and bread I made to lighten your household duties while I was away, and what a headache I had the morning I left for New York, and the promise you required of me that I would take a drawing-room car, so as to sleep, if I could, on the way. The next ten days I attended fourteen meetings, slept every night in a different town or city, was entertained by friends who wanted I should talk to them of missionary life until a late hour at night, I returned with a heavy cold and sore throat, bonnet nearly ruined by being caught in a severe rain-storm, bottom of my dress needing repair, and, as you expressed it, 'thoroughly dilapidated, and needing immediate attention.'

That night, after you had gone to bed, I counted up my money to see if I had received as much as I had expended, and found myself out of pocket eight dollars."

"Well, mother, in my opinion you are not called upon to do so much more than others; and, while you are at home do rest, and, if you must return, I will try to be patient and bear your absence. But to see you wearing yourself out here in this Christian land to interest people

who ought to be interested on principle is a little too hard to endure."

"My child, I know you wish me to be faithful to my Lord and Master, helping in every way in the cause so dear to him. Let us pray that all Christians may understand their duty and privilege in this matter. Then, much less of this kind of service will be needed, and that which is rendered will be made easier and receive its just recompense."

Missionary Correspondence.

GHARMULA, March 16, 1889.

DEAR FRIENDS.—While Miss White is busily engaged putting medicine in the eyes of a crowd of natives just outside our tent door, I will write a few lines to the readers of the MAGAZINE. Miss White has had some experience in tenting, but for the rest of us this is the first trial in this country and the beginning has not been altogether pleasant.

We are some twenty-five miles from home, encamped near a village of people who have been baptized, but have become so cold as to be ready to deny that they were ever Christians.

Having made an early start this morning, we arrived here about half past ten, and as we had sent our tents the night before, we found them partly up but not yet well staked down. Our arrival was the signal for the pouring forth of a crowd of village people. Men, women and children came, the latter of whom to describe properly a stronger word than *filthy* would have to be used. They were all a little afraid of us at first, but their fears soon disappeared and they became very bold, even to such a degree as to be troublesome.

Miss White took a chair outside the tent and began to teach them. Her first object was to get them seated and quiet enough for them to hear her voice.

Instead of at once stopping their talk, they each began to tell the others to be quiet and sit down, thus making more noise than before. After some time she succeeded in getting some degree of quiet and then talked to them for some time concerning Christ and the way of salvation. A native minister who is with us also preached to them.

While the preaching was going on a dust storm came up. The wind began to blow very hard and we could see the yellow cloud blowing up in the west. We had hardly time to get into the tent when it reached us.

As the tent was only partly pegged down it was not a very safe place, and we were expecting every moment for it to be blown down. The dust and sand blew under the sides and through every crack, until we could hardly breathe. When the furniture began to be blown about, we thought it was time to seek a safer place, so we ran out into the storm, but could scarcely see, for the air was full of dust. We ran until we were a safe distance from the tents, and then sat down on a native bed (which a village man brought us) in the middle of a ploughed field, with our backs to the wind and our heads covered.

The storm was over in a few minutes and no serious harm done. One tent.

was partly blown down and many things from the tents were blown out into the fields.

It is now evening, our tents are securely pegged and we hope for no more trouble.

We enjoy our work very much and will enjoy it more when we can speak and understand the language better than we now do.

Yours sincerely,
EDNA P. MORRISON.

ASYOOT, EGYPT, March 16, 1889.

DEAR FRIENDS.—This is Saturday and that to us means cleaning day from "cellar to garret" as far as those two terms can be applied to an Egyptian house. I told the girls yesterday that I wanted them to finish up their work earlier than usual today, as we were expecting Dr. Jessup and family, who are up the Nile, and Mr. Will Bliss, of Constantinople, and Mr. Ashenhurst to come and see our school, as their boat is due here today, and Dr. J. having to do with a mission school in Beirut, wanted ours to look particularly clean. Our building is so very simple and plain that if it is not clean it hasn't much to fall back on to show it off. Our building is very substantial and comfortable, and we set more store by that than by a great deal of fine furniture, and I do think when it is nicely cleaned up looks very pretty, and we are so happy in it and in our work. I wish you could be here with me some Saturday and go the rounds, it would give you an insight into a part of our work that is often not exposed. This cleanliness that we demand from the girls, isn't just strict mission work, but it is a part of their civilization and we think it next to godliness. I know that our school does advance the girls and we notice their homes are much better kept and more cleanly than those of others.

We have a full school (sixty-two) and

they are making good progress, especially in their Bible lessons. I do enjoy my Bible class so much. It is the highest class we have and they have finished the Old Testament and are studying the epistles, and we have some interesting lessons. All the girls in this school are church members but two, and I think they are thinking of uniting with the church at the next communion.

We have some very inquiring girls after the truth not only among the large girls but among the small ones. Miss Hogg and I have private prayer together every Sabbath evening, and our prayers are for our school and we do find it such a help to us.

We have four wives in school this term. One is the wife of a colporteur and the others are teachers' wives. They have no children except one and her little girl is being educated in our school. It looks rather funny sometimes to see the mother and daughter in the same class. We hesitated at first in taking married women, but every case so far, has been a success and we are so pleased with them and delighted in the prospect of their teaching the women in their villages. The one who came in today is the wife of a black slave. We have two blacks in school now, beside the two black slaves that Miss McKown rescued and educated. You doubtless have heard her tell of them. They are true Christian girls and have such a good influence.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons we spend at our different prayer meetings. Two of these meetings are for the girls in our schools and the Khayatt school. On Thursday afternoon we each have a prayer meeting for the women in different parts of the town. My prayer meeting for the women is in a Moslem quarter and some of the Moslem women come and seem interested, but they interrupt me a great deal

by asking questions and refusing to accept what I say. I try to be patient and hope that the light of the Gospel will eventually shine into their hearts and they will believe. The attendance is on an average of ten women, besides the girls. I can see a great improvement in the women now from the time I began with them last October.

We are very much encouraged in the Zenana work. Almost every time we have our committee meeting to devise plans for this work, we have some new house to propose where they want lessons. At our last meeting there were five in one house wanting lessons, and we haven't been able to get them a teacher yet. Our three teachers are kept busy and can't take any more houses. It is wonderful the free access we have to the houses. We can enter any home almost and are made welcome and can read to the women. I wonder if you have heard of the death of Dr. Bliss, of Constantinople. He and his wife came here for their health and he took sick and died. They were stopping with us. It is so sad for Mrs. Bliss. Dr. Bliss' son came for his mother and he is coming up to Asyoot to visit the cemetery where his father's body lies. After his death Mrs. Bliss went to Cairo and has been there ever since.

Dr. Carrell Lansing and wife are here now. He is here treating eyes and is having good success. Since Mr. Kelly Giffen went up the river on a mission tour, they have been staying in our house keeping house for us.

We have had such hosts of travelers this winter. Some are very much interested and others indifferent. It made me so happy to be able to say yes to

each one that asked me if I was happy in the work. I must tell you of our romance. Not long since a party of English people called, and in the course of the visit a certain young gentleman and lady became engaged, and after they went away sent in five pounds for our school as a thank-offering. We laughed not a little. We know nothing of the contracting parties.

We had such a nice call from Miss Arnett, of Jaffa, yesterday. She took a trip up the Nile for her health. We went down to the boat last evening to call upon her. What lovely boats the Nile steamers are.

We were sorry to hear the other day of Miss Whately's death. You know she had a large school in Cairo. We also heard that her school will be given up now since her death, as there is no one left to carry it on.

I enjoyed the last MAGAZINE so much. There were some interesting letters in it. I am glad you had a visit from Mr. Giffen as he could tell you so much of our work. We need more gentlemen and ladies to help us carry on this grand work. The work is spreading all the time. Many doors are being opened to us to enter and teach the Gospel.

I suppose you are beginning to prepare for the W. G. M. S. which is near at hand. I should enjoy attending.

It is time to go and sit with the girls while they see their friends.

Our Missionary society is flourishing. We have taken up the "Island World" to study for the next year. Half of our contributions are set apart for Bible teachers among the women in the different villages.

Yours, with much love,

ELLA O. KYLE.

A man never gets over the influence of an early Christian home. It holds him in an eternal grip. Though his parents may have been gone forty years, the

tears of penitence and gladness that were wept at the family altar still glitter in his memory.

—Talmage.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SIALKOT MISSION.

(UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA.)



THE meeting was convened on the 1st of January at the South Mission Compound, Sialkot, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. G. W. Morrison, of Gujranwala, on the last clause of Rom. v, 8: "Christ died for us." After recalling some of the circumstances surrounding Christ's sacrificial death, the speaker sought to emphasize the thoughts that as workers for God we should be (1) humble, (2) consecrated, (3) strong and courageous.

The attendance at this meeting was exceptionally good. Two zenana workers and one married lady are at present enjoying vacation at home, but of those in the field only one was not in attendance.

The Rev. J. W. Martin and wife, who have recently arrived from America, received a hearty welcome as much needed reinforcements, and while engaged in the study of the language are located at Jhelum.

The brethren were made glad, not only by the coming of these new workers, but also by the good report they brought of the growth of missionary interest and zeal among the churches at home, and the prospect that others would soon follow them. Among other encouraging signs was the fact that all the members of the present senior class, numbering fourteen, in one of our theological seminaries, have offered themselves to the Foreign Mission Board, as being willing to enter the foreign work if the church should see fit to send them. Even though they may not all reach the foreign field, we cannot but feel sure that as pastors of home churches they will use their influence to sustain the work in the distant places of the field. And when pastors

are faithful in instructing the people, there is seldom difficulty in getting them to sustain the church's work, at home or abroad.

They also consider it an encouraging sign that the support of missionaries is being made to a greater extent than formerly a personal matter, individual congregations and missionary societies undertaking to support some one already in the field, or send out some new workers. Of this movement Bro. Martin and wife are a fruit, as they come supported by the students of one of our theological seminaries and adjacent colleges.

The evening sessions of the meeting were devoted to devotional exercises and conference in regard to work. The subjects discussed were women's work as found in city, village and hospital; educational and evangelistic work, as each is carried on among the Christians and heathen; while the last evening was devoted to discussing the work of the Holy Spirit and our need of him and his work. Nearly all took part in one or more of these conferences, and they were made in this way exceedingly interesting, and the views expressed, drawn as they were largely from practical experience in various branches of the work, could not but prove instructive and helpful.

The reports from the different stations, and the various branches of the work were, in general, exceedingly encouraging. The number of baptisms was reported to be very large; most of the converts being from among the low caste people. Schools are being established among these ignorant people, and while from necessity many of these schools have Mahomedan teachers as yet, still the children are gaining some knowledge from them. Those baptized in former years seem to be growing in the knowl-

edge of what is required in Christian life, and are growing also in desire to conform their lives to the Christian standard. The growth is indeed slow, so slow as to be often very discouraging; but it is only what we should expect when we consider the condition of these converts for generations past, and the difficulties that now attend their instruction.

Jhelum was selected as the place for the next meeting, and the missionaries scattered to their homes, fatigued by the work of the meeting, but at the same time refreshed by the short season of social intercourse with others engaged in the work of advancing the Redeemer's kingdom.—*Punjab Mission News.*

THE CHURCH AT SAN DIEGO.

[Extract from a private letter from Mrs. R. G. Wallace.]

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It seemed as though we were almost compelled to build a church or abandon the field altogether. So we finally concluded to make a desperate effort to build. Mr. W. started out with a subscription paper to raise the money. After getting \$1,200 subscribed he felt justified in beginning to build, and feeling it necessary to be as economical as possible, he went over the city to see where he could get the best bargain in lumber, which, by the way, was quite an item as it was very high at that time. He bought second-class lumber, went to the lumber yard

and worked a number of days assorting every stick with his own hands, and got enough first-class lumber to build the church. He then employed the men by the day and superintended every thing from the drawing of the plan to the hanging of the lamps, and, at the same time, had to do the preaching; teach the Bible-class; look after his own little flock and also strangers; attend to all the finances of the congregation and the answering of correspondents, which is no little task in such a place as this.

We had hoped that between what we could raise ourselves and get outside of the congregation that we could finish it and be comparatively free of debt. But it was almost impossible to raise any money outside. Quite a number of our members were thrown out of employment, and some were obliged to leave the place on account of dull times. Still we are very hopeful, and would be more so had we the means to finish the church. We have begun to hold services in it, notwithstanding the fact that we have muslin tacked over the windows instead of glass, and a terra cotta pipe run out of the side of the house instead of a chimney.

Our audience is steadily increasing in numbers since we began to worship in our own church, and we feel quite encouraged. Although times have been very hard, yet I think there is a great prospect for San Diego.

Young People's Department.

"Tis ours the furrows to prepare,
And sow the precious grain;
'Tis Thine to give the sun and air,
And send the genial rain."

One of the first members of the "T. H." Society was my four year old cousin, Ethel. She always has a little knot of ribbon pinned to her dress, and if you should ask her why she wears it, she

would say: "'Cause I belong to the T. H. Society. T. H. means Try Hard." And if you should ask: "What do you in the T. H. Society?" She would say: "Try hard to be good."

This society had its beginning last summer. A lot of little folks were gathered together in a boarding house, and,

though they had very merry times, they were not always kind and gentle. One day Ethel's mamma called a few of them to her, talked to them of what God's children ought to be, taught them this little prayer, "Lord, help me," and pinned a scrap of ribbon on each one as a reminder to try hard to do right. From that day their play-room was a different place. Gentle words were heard instead of cross ones, and unselfishness and love grew in the hearts of these little Christians as day by day they practiced their motto and prayed their little prayers. Since then, others having little ones in their care have seen in their own experience the good results of this society which has no meetings, no membership fee, no officers, and no reports except those written down in the great books of heaven.

The children belonging to it are in earnest. They want to try hard. When anything would happen that Ethel didn't like she used to shrug and twist her shoulders. One day not long ago she said: "I like my T. H. Society, mamma, 'cause it remembers me not to wriggle." One mother has only to say: "Thee forgets thy ribbon, Margaret," and the little Quaker member obeys quickly. A little street boy to whom the society has been a blessing, was minding a stall in the market one day during a short absence of the owner, and the abundant fruit of which he seldom got a taste was a sore temptation. Telling of it afterwards he said: "There was pears and there was peaches, and there was apples, and there was plums, and something said, 'take one,' and something else said, 'don't' and I remembered and didn't."

I wish every one of the little folks who read this column would become a member of the Try Hard Society, and I don't think it would hurt some of the big folks to belong.

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EXERCISES FOR MISSION BANDS.

BY J. H. P.

JESUS OUR SAVIOUR.

- J—And the angel said unto them. Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great *joy*, &c. Luke 2, 10-11.
- E—Ho! *every* one that thirsteth. Isa. 55, 1.
- S—For this is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to *save sinners*, &c. 1 Tim. 1, 15; Math. 9 13-14.
- U—Thanks be unto God for his *unspeakable* gift. 2 Cor. 9, 15.
- S—And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the *Son* to be the *Saviour* of the world, &c. 1 John 4, 14; John 4, 42.
- O—He was *oppressed* and he was afflicted, yet he *opened*, &c. Isa. 53; 7, 10, 11 and 12.
- U—Wherefore he is able also to save them to the *uttermost*, &c. Heb. 7, 25.
- R—For there is one God and one mediator between God and man, even the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a *Ransom*, &c. 1 Tim. 2, 5-6; Math. 20, 28.
- S—Neither is there *salvation* in any other. Acts 4, 11-12.
- A—If any man sin we have an *advocate* with the Father, &c. 1 John 2, 12.
- V—Thanks be unto God who giveth us the *victory*, &c. 1 Cor. 15, 5-7.
- I—Who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all *iniquity*, &c. Titus 2, 14.
- O—So Christ was once *offered* to bear, &c. Heb. 9, 28.
- U—Unto him that loved *us* and washed *us* from our sins, &c. Rev. 1, 5-6; Heb. 1; 2, 3 and 4.
- R—For thou wast slain and hast *redeemed* us to God, &c. Rev. 5; 8, 9 and 10.
- "'Twas great to speak a world from naught,
'Twas greater to redeem."
- Band recite in concert: "Worthy is

the Lamb," &c. Rev. 5, 12-13. Also—

"He died for us, he made our peace,
He pleads our cause on high;
Oh! may our praises never cease,
Hosannas never die!
May each revolving year inflame
Our zeal, delight and love
'Till 'round the throne we chant his name
In purer strains above.
Oh! come, ye servants of the Lord,
His endless praise proclaim,
In gladsome notes his love record,
For worthy is the Lamb."

This exercise can be made more interesting and effective by preparing an arch of thin wood or card board, decorated with flowers, tissue paper, &c., supported on two uprights, or suspended on the wall, and by means of small hooks properly arranged each letter can be placed on the arch as the member recites the verse represented. The exercise must be so conducted that when finished the motto, "Jesus our Saviour," will be complete and distinct. Banners or cards may be used, each containing a letter, and each brought to view as the verse represented is recited. The exercise can be lengthened by adding appropriate verses, or shortened by omitting some of the selections.

MISSIONARY RECITATION.

Kind friends, we are glad that you've come here tonight,

And if you will listen to what we recite,
You will not be surprised that we children delight
To labor for Christ, our Master.

Far over the ocean—so far, far away,
To where the bright sunbeams roll on with the day,
And across to the west where the poor heathen stay,
There is work to be done for the Master.

To the north where the iceberg mountains appear,
To the rock-bound capes of the south hemisphere,
To the hearts of all heathendom, distant and near,
We must send the good news of the Master.

They ask for our pennies, they ask for our prayers,
They ask that the light of the gospel be theirs,
They ask that with Jesus they may be made heirs,
Joint heirs with Christ, our Master.

Then we'll cheerfully answer to all the demands,
That are made for the labor of our weak hands,
For we know our Father in readiness stands,
To bless our work for the Master.

[Prayer the little girl utters, looking up with hands clasped:]
Our Father in Heaven, we hallow thy name,
Let thy will work in us, as in Heaven the same,
Whatever we do, give us hearts in right frame,
To do for the sake of the Master, Amen,
Amen, for the sake of the Master.

MITE-BOX SERVICE FOR THE CHILDREN.

A clergyman, on his way to a missionary meeting, overtook a boy and asked him where he was going. "Oh," he said, "I'm going to the meeting to hear about the missions." "Missions," said the minister. "What do you know about missions?" "Why," said the boy, "I've got a missionary box, and I always go; I'm part of it." Have all the children a mite box?

A RECITATION FOR THREE CHILDREN.

FIRST.

The best of all is the offering
The boys and the girls each in turn,
Come forward and empty the boxes
Of the "mites" they have managed to earn.

SECOND.

Each tells how he earned all the pennies,
But some have brought quarters and dimes.
What busy and bright little workers!
That money rings beautiful chimes.

THIRD.

Let each one in this circle of children,
While quietly all of us stand,
Ask Jesus to please bless the money
Which now we give into his hand.

Prayer; singing, Psalm 34, 7. Let each child bring his or her box, giving the amount, telling how they collected the money—whether given or earned. This will not only be a pleasing exercise, but may be helpful to others.

I find that one way to add to the interest of societies is to branch out. For example, two of the sisters who have the work at heart, and have time to give it, organize two societies; one for girls and the other for boys. We have done that here, and it works well. A friend of mine has charge of a band of girls from eight to fifteen years of age. They meet every alternate Friday evening, and have a regular missionary meeting, singing, speaking, etc., and on every alternate Saturday afternoon they meet to sew. They call themselves the Ruthians. I have charge of a society of boys, and our meetings are on the same plan, the

boys meeting one Friday evening, and the girls the next. Occasionally we meet together. The boys call themselves the "Judsons."

In June, we are going to have a public meeting in the church, and plan to make it of such interest that all may enjoy it, and by this means have their interest in mission work deepened. If there is a church where there is no society of boys, I would urge a beginning at once. Whoever undertakes this will not, I hope, make the mistake of thinking it will be the same kind of a charge as that of little

girls, or that it is smooth and easy work. Boys are boys, in a missionary society as well as in school, or at play. A boys' society means work, hard and constant, but all the more important for that. The boys take to the work remarkably, and I often hear them repeat things out of the meeting, which at the time they did not appear to hear at all.

Is it a wonder that young men and older men care so little about missions? and where are our missionaries of the next generation coming from, if not from among these boys?—*Selected.*

Editorial Department.

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

"If it is difficult to estimate the influence of the various gatherings of the tribes of Israel, for their annual feasts, on the quickening and conservation of their religious and national life," so is it equally difficult and early yet to calculate the influence that will go out from the Sixth Annual meeting of the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church, in inspiring and unifying the missionary spirit among the women of our church. The general features of every meeting are the same. The carefully selected delegate, the interested visitor, the division into committees, the same style of reports of home and foreign work, the half hour of prayer and conference preceeding each session, the thank-offering service, these all make up the pleasant and profitable combination, yet each year there are some distinct features causing it to stand out in bold relief in thought and memory. Among the distinct elements of this recent gathering may be mentioned the place—Argyle. "No mean place" in origin, in history, in progress, in culture and prosperity. And though famous in

story and song, the surroundings were certainly to many of us new and strange chiefly the placid lakes, the mountains in the distance, in whose air there was tonic, in whose majesty and grandeur there was inspiration and a reminder of the mountains that stand as sentinels "round about Jerusalem." No wonder some of us were entranced by the exquisite beauty of the scenery and mystified when, weary and travel-stained, we reached the end of a long journey amid such historic surroundings. And now, when this weariness of body has disappeared, there remains the pleasant memory of the beautiful landscape, warm hearts, pleasant homes, friendly voices, encouraging words, widening plans, earnest prayer, and we have reason to believe God's blessing, with and upon all these. And in passing we can but notice the Argyle church in which we met, in its amplitude and arrangement so well adapted to gatherings such as this.

"Welcome" was the watchword, and this was manifested by most hospitable entertainment and untiring attention. Mid-day and evening refreshments were

bountifully served, and "whoever would" might partake. These ample and considerate arrangements, in minutest detail complete, and the common bond of work for the Master and love for his cause, unconsciously united all together, for certainly the greetings of old friends seemed warmer and the welcome of new ones more cordial than ever before. Hence the opening of the meeting occurred under the most favorable circumstances. Since the minutes will gather up and present fully the details of business in their regular order, and as all papers, statistics, &c., will be published by the Magazine committee as directed by the General Missionary Society, to take the place of the July number of the MAGAZINE, we will only take space to mention a very few of the enjoyments and privileges of the occasion:

Notably it was good to have the presence of an unusual number of missionaries. Miss Elizabeth Gordon, sister of Dr. David Gordon deceased, the honored pioneer of our work in India, who preceded but two days Mrs. Thos. McCague, the first lady missionary to Egypt. These dear sisters were present in the enjoyment of good health, no doubt rejoicing in spirit as they looked back at the small beginning and were ready to exclaim "What hath the Lord wrought." Mrs. McKee, Miss Emma Dean Anderson, Mrs. Dr. Sophie Johnson, of India, were also present; also Miss Jose Martin, two sons of Dr. Barr, all of India, and a son of Dr. Crawford, Damascus. A plain illustration of the unfailing promise of God. Instead of the fathers "I will take the children and make them noble princes in all the earth"—as also of the working of the law of heredity. When, where else, has there been gathered so goodly a company?

It is almost impossible that the women of the various auxilliary societies over the church should comprehend the work

that has been and is being done by the corresponding secretaries of the various branches of the Women's Auxiliary Board. If we should try to make their work known in detail we would hardly know where to begin or where to conclude. Yet this work, requiring patience and skill, has been done, and results exhibit an increase in all its departments, and the reports of each show correctness of figures which will be useful for easy retention and future reference. We wish our space would allow an abstract of each, but we can only commend to the earnest and prayerful attention of our membership the special work planned for the coming year, and repeat the request that all money be sent through your Presbyterial Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Women's Board.

As intimately connected with the interest and profit of the meeting the efficient service of the worthy President, Mrs. E. T. Carson, Baltimore, must be lovingly acknowledged. The key-note was struck in her graceful and earnest address at the opening of the meeting and was very creditably sustained by her presiding in the same spirit. The duties of secretaryship were most faithfully and acceptably performed by Mrs. R. T. Elliott, Philadelphia. In closing this brief and hurried sketch of this annual meeting we would urge, that when we pray, as we have so recently done, that God would send forth more laborers into his vineyard and for larger gifts by which enlarged work and added workers may be sustained, let us pray above all that the "beauty of the Lord may be upon us and establish thou the work of our hands, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it." In no phase of this work do we see more promise than in this deepening and widening spiritual power, and the full recognition of the fact that the work is the Lord's. Being thoroughly imbued with his spirit, strengthened with

his might, devoted to his service, we will enjoy his blessing.

Mindful of the Apostolic injunction "in everything give thanks," the Magazine Committee gratefully acknowledge the encouragement and substantial help received from the General Missionary Society. In the hope of increased fidelity and greater efficiency, may we all be workmen that "needeth not to be ashamed." The MAGAZINE having passed the trials and vicissitudes incident to childhood, will now be expected to grow stronger and better with advancing experience and years, and to do this will need the help of every woman in the church. The work, dear sisters, is still *yours* as well as ours, because it is his.

"To thee, oh God, we render thanks;
We render thanks to thee
Because thy wondrous works declare
Thy great name near to be."

How many times we have enjoyed singing those words on Thanksgiving morning, and what sacred associations gather around them. We will have two national thanksgiving days this year; the usual one in the late autumn, and the one hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington, the father of his country. "The memory of the just is blessed" and for all the benign influences of the pure, high, noble, patriotic, Christian life of Washington, "Oh Lord make us truly thankful," and may we by our prayers and sympathy hold up the hands of our present Christian rulers, and from infidelity and godlessness as a nation may we be mercifully preserved.

The minutes of the late meeting of the Women's Missionary Society at Argyle are to be published in the July number of the MAGAZINE. Forty-five hundred copies will be printed. To meet the ad-

ditional expense the Magazine Committee will need at least two hundred dollars in addition to the amount received from regular subscribers. This sum it is expected the Presbyterial Societies will collect and send as soon as possible to the Treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Carson, Xenia, Ohio. This amount is to be considered a fund for minutes only and therefore is additional to any monies sent either for yearly subscriptions to the MAGAZINE, or for single copies of the July number which will be sold at 15 cents per copy.

The Young People's Institute at Allegheny City was full of devotion, and the presence of the power of the Spirit was strongly felt. The concourse of workers was much larger than was expected, 507 delegates from twelve different states being in attendance. Carefully prepared papers on different phases of the work were followed by instructive discussions, and plans were entered into for future usefulness. Bible study in connection with the devotional exercises was a very prominent feature of the meeting. Those who were privileged to attend the Institute came home full of enthusiasm feeling that it was good to be there.

We are indebted to Mr. Daniel Peoples, of Liverpool, England, for tracts and for "The Monthly Reporter of the British and Foreign Bible Society" for April. The *Reporter* is attractive in appearance and contents, and notes the anniversary of meetings of various religious enterprises to be held in London in May, which are of no common interest.

If any woman would receive an inspiration for Christian work, or desire to become better acquainted with the work of our own church, let her be present at the next annual meeting of the General Missionary Society to be held in Washington, Iowa, May 1890.

We are glad to welcome to our list of exchanges the "Missionary Herald" published in Boston, by the A. B. C. F. M., the senior missionary magazine of the United States.

CONVENTION NOTES.

Kindly furnished by Miss Jose Martin.

The Argyle church was tastily decorated.

The choir furnished good music for all sessions.

Dr. Maria White has treated over 12,000 patients since going to India.

Members of the Convention seemed to take quite an interest in the MAGAZINE.

The "thank-offering" amounted to \$4,000 and will be kept open until July 1st.

Over eighty delegates and visitors from a distance were present at the Convention.

An interesting letter from Dr. White, of our India Mission, was read by Mrs. Reid.

Christian affinity was beautifully illustrated in the President's opening address.

It is to be regretted that our Mission in Egypt was not represented in the convention.

The address of welcome delivered by Mrs. Barkley, of Argyle, was spicy and original.

All the reports given at the Convention show increased interest in missionary work.

You can't get along without the MAGAZINE and be successful in missionary work.

Three new lady missionaries are absolutely needed in India. Egypt's needs are as great.

It takes only twenty-five dollars a year to support a girl in the Girls' Boarding School of India.

Nearly every Home Missionary gives

one-tenth of his meager salary to the work of the church.

All the papers read showed much thought in preparation, and were helpfully suggestive in every way.

The "Mission Band Helper," prepared by Miss M. J. Clokey, Springfield, O., was on sale at the Convention.

W. B. and J. D. Barr, sons of Dr. Barr, of India, have had charge of the Academy at Argyle during the past year.

The Bible Readers in connection with the Norfolk and Knoxville Missions are doing good work. They need more of these workers.

The introductions to the reports given on Wednesday forenoon, also by the Magazine Committee, were pleasing and appropriate.

Miss Euphie Gordon was prevented from attending the Convention on account of illness. A message of sympathy was sent to her.

The presence of Mrs. Thomas McCague and Miss Elizabeth Gordon, veteran missionaries to Egypt and India, added much to the interest of the Convention.

The paper read by Mrs. McCague, of Omaha, was doubly interesting to those who heard it, since Mrs. McCague and her husband were our first missionaries to Egypt.

Through the untiring efforts of Miss Shaw and Mrs. Reid the trip to and from Argyle was made delightful to the large delegation starting from Pittsburgh. Other delegations report a pleasant trip.

The reasons why the missionary money raised by our societies should not be used for congregational purposes nor counted with quota of congregations, were clearly stated in the paper read by Mrs. McMillan, of Allegheny.

The India missionaries, with the assistance of the Barr Brothers, sang the

twenty-third psalm in the Hindustani language on Wednesday evening. The audience was pleased with the song although they could not understand the words.

The abundance of beautiful flowers used in decorating the church, the advanced state of vegetation around Argyle, and the extreme heat during the Convention, leave anything but bleak impressions of Argyle on the minds of the delegates.

The Women's Board have been doing a grand work. Through their efficient management the work done by the women of the church has assumed greater proportions, is more thoroughly organized, and is doing much good, as the reports show.

No one can say that the women of the United Presbyterian church are not patriotic. The meeting last year was held in Washington, Pa., this year in Washington Co., New York, and next year it will be held in the First church of Washington, Iowa.

The report of the Orphans' Home at Allegheny shows how much care is taken of the homeless little ones. Reports and facts do not always agree, but a visit to our Orphans' Home, and the hospital in connection with it, will confirm every statement made in the report, and prove to the casual visitor that this is indeed a *home*, where the orphans are lovingly cared for.

The instructive addresses delivered by Mrs. Dr. Johnson and Miss Anderson, the Zenana scene given by Misses Gordon and Anderson, the native costumes shown and explained, and Mrs. McKee's excellent paper, brought the missionary work in India more clearly before the minds of those present, and as a result it is expected that they will have a greater interest in the work of the missionaries.

Now is the time to subscribe for the

MAGAZINE. The report of the Convention will be published in the July number. The Magazine Committee by their indefatigable devotion to the work, have given us a Magazine which cannot be excelled. Every woman in our church needs it, and especially the number which will contain the report of the Convention at Argyle.

HELPFUL FACTS AND SUGGESTIONS TAKEN FROM
PAPERS READ AT THE CONVENTION.

A place is waiting our occupancy.

The result of not doing our duty is loss of souls.

The shadows overhanging the missions pass away and leave the sunshine all the brighter for the existence.

In the evangelization of the world the women have always had their share of the work.

Our interest should quicken others.

We, as a church, are responsible for our share of the evangelization of the West.

The hiding of the talent does not take away the responsibility of the possession.

Our lives either consciously or unconsciously are leaving their impress on other lives.

Mothers among our missionaries love their children as much as any mothers in this country do their own.

We are personally responsible for a share of the great work God has given to his people.

The responsibility of not doing falls on no one more heavily than upon the idler.

The color of the skin does not effect the brain.

A man is entitled to the right hand of fellowship of whatever color he may be.

Teach the children of the tender Shepherd's love for the lambs of the flock.

Too often parents represent God to

their children as a Judge and not as a loving Father.

One ship from a Christian nation carried four missionaries and fifty thousand gallons of rum into one of the foreign countries. Temperance and mission work must be united to save the heathen.

A little more than one hundred years ago Robert Raikes formed the pious design of gathering ragged street children into schools on the Sabbath day and imparting to them religious instruction. Many of the originators of various schemes of work and evangelization do not live to see their hopes and expectation realized, but this man, 'ere he closed

his eyes in death saw the great work he had started spreading in all directions in England, and from there it has gone to all quarters of the globe. "The church at work" in the Sabbath School, is like the great Banyan tree that, striking its roots firmly into the soil, sends its great branches upward and these again take root downward and shoot upward, gathering strength with every effort.

England has given to the world many noble Christian enterprises, and perhaps second to none is the Sabbath School. The great Sabbath School meeting to be held in the city of London in July of the present year is a practical exponent of the work of Robert Raikes.

Women's Auxiliary Board, Etc.

THE WOMEN'S BOARD.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

An all day meeting was held May 1 to transact the regular business and hear annual reports from the treasurer and the different secretaries. As these reports were read at the Argyle convention, it might spoil the sale of the minutes to anticipate their contents. This much may be said, however, the Hospital Fund is complete, and of \$2,500 required for parsonage at Park avenue, Omaha, Nebraska, \$2,223 have been paid to Board of Church Extension since the work was undertaken at November meeting. Treasurer's receipts were \$4,995.43.

Arrangements have been made for membership certificates, and copies will be sent to the life members of the General Missionary Society.

This year's statistics were compiled by Miss E. D. Brown, who seems to think she could have dispensed with the cents so prominent in the reports of many societies. Perhaps the "Instructions" which accompanied the blanks were not

clear on that point, and yet, in glancing over them the request, "OMITTING cents," can scarcely be misunderstood.

An appeal for help in building a parsonage was referred to Board of Church Extension.

A memorial from the Philadelphia Presbyterial Association will interest those who get perplexed over "The Financial Agent and his relation to the Missionary Society," or rather "the supposed relation of the M. S. to the F. A." The fathers and brethren of the General Assembly probably understand the original intention of the resolution in the Assembly Digest, page 111, and will agree that it no longer applies to missionary societies. MARGARET M. SHAW.

RECEIPTS FOR APRIL, INCLUDING THE 3RD AND 15TH, 1889.

[When not otherwise specified, the money is from the W. M. S. of the place named.]

Foreign.—Omaha Central, \$13; Lacona, 5; Knoxville, Ia., 8.85; Oskaloosa, 4; 1st Church, Wheeling, 40; Albany, N. Y., 50; Huntsville, 6; Piqua Willing Workers, 8; West Leipsic, 6; Sidney, 6; Garnett Pres., 5; Concord, Pa., 11; 1st Xenia, 2; Jamestown, O., 14; Springfield, Mission Band for India, 18.50; for Egypt, 18.50; Springfield Y. P. S., 11.50; Cedarville, 10; 7th Allegheny, 15; Uniontown, O., 4; Des Moines, 1st,

11; Kittanning, 10; Centerville, Pa., 23; Harmony, Pa., for India, 20; White Oak Springs, 10; Slatelick, on debt, 7.50; Idana, 10; Clarinda, 10; Coltege Springs Y. L. M. S., 20; Winfield, 5; Mt. Zion, 12.81; Chicago, 1st Busy Bees 15; Kirkwood, 1.25; Kirkwood Y. L. S., 6; South Henderson, 28; 1st Ohio Pres., 58.10; Southern Illinois Pres., 5; Robinson's Run, 30; Pittsburg, 9th for Egypt, 15, for India, 15; Peter's Creek, 15; Salineville, 10; Deer Creek, Allegheny Pres., 14; Colokan, 5; Erie, 15; Cochranton, 5; Power, 2; Shenango, 4; Waterford, 18.50; San Francisco, 1st Church, 5; San Francisco, 2d Church, 5; Galt, Canada, 25.

Salaries.—Miss Smith, Tuscarora Soc., 10; Princeton Soc., 50; Portersville, Pa., Soc., 17; Garnett Pres., 38.65; Miss C. E. Wilson, Des Moines Pres., 91; Keokuk Pres., 15; Miss —, Mansfield Pres., 120; Miss Thompson, Muskingum Pres., 67; First Ohio Pres., 77.50; Miss M. Strang, Southern Illinois Pres., 175.52; Miss Brown, Monongahela Pres., 150; Miss McCahon, Chartiers Pres., 113; Miss Campbell, Monmouth Pres., 5.

Miscellaneous.—Nortonville, for Monsoora Building, \$7.50; also Mission Band for same, 2.50; Garnett Pres., Girls' Training school, Sialkot, 5; Richmond, Willing Workers, Girls' school, Alexandria, 2.50; Springfield, Monsoora Building, 20; Clarence, Bible woman in Egypt, 5; Cincinnati, special work, 50; First Ohio Pres., Monsoora Building, 5; also Training school in India, 1.19; same in Egypt, 1.19; Cedar Rapids, 1st Church, Willing Workers, church building in India, 10; Pittsburg, 3d Christian Workers, Girls' school, India, 2; Pittsburg 6th Bamba Circle, one year scholarship Girls' school, India, 25; Pittsburg 8th Dorcas Soc., 1/2 year scholarship in Girls' school, India, 12.50; Robinson Run Mission Band, Girls' school, India, 3.30; San Francisco 2d, Training school, Egypt, 2; Garnett, Willing Workers, Girls' Training school, Egypt, 9.50; same in India, 9.50; Living Lake, Zenana work in India, 25.

Dr. White's Hospital, India.—Garner, \$5; Cove, 25; Unity, Ia., 6.05; Piqua, 10; Garnett Press, 5; Jamestown, Kan., 5; DeKalb, 5; Springfield, 15; Reynoldsburg, Willing Workers, 8; Denver, 24.50; Freeport, 15; Centerville, 10; Harmony, 6; Mrs. J. P. Davis of the Springfield Soc., 10; Clarinda, Ia., 5; Coin, 25; Greenfield, 5; York, Mo., 15; Baracha, 5; Scoton Grove, Ia., 35.80; Morganville, 5; Monmouth 1st Mission Band, 6; First Ohio Pres., 22.80; Pittsburg 1st, one S. S. class, 5.55; Pittsburg 6th, 82.75; same, Y. W. M. S., 45; same, Ewing Mission Band, 13; same, Bamba Circle, 25; Pittsburg 7th, Y. W. M. S., 10; same, Paulitson Soc., 5; same, Gordon Band, 3; Wilkinsburg, Shining Band Light, 5; Jefferson Y. P. Soc., 15; Erie Mission Band, 5; Jamestown, Pa., 7; Bluestone Mission Sabbath School, 17.

Dr. Johnson's Hospital, India.—Des Moines, Y. P. M. Circle, \$10; Glade Run, 10.

Home.—Hopewell, Tenn., \$5; Omaha Central, 10; Knoxville, Ia., 8.85; Oskaloosa, 5; Charlton, 3; Huntsville, 6; Wheeling 1st, 35; Piqua, Willing Workers, 3; Sidney, 7.75; Garnett Pres., 5; DeKalb, 5; Iberia, 2; Los Angeles 1st, 17.00; Springfield, Y. P. Soc., 11.50; Clifton, Y. P. Soc., 10; Cedarville, 10; Allegheny 7th, 20; Uniontown, 3; Springfield, Pa., 15.25; White Oak Springs, 5; Clarinda, 20; Coin, 9.65; Living Lake, 5; Burlington, Ia., 10; Winfield, 6; Mt. Zion, 9.87; South Henderson, 28; Chicago 1st, Busy Bees, 20; Alexis, 4.32; First Ohio Pres., 42.80; Guilston, 5; Southern Illinois Pres., 4.80; Pittsburg 1st, 25; Pittsburg 7th, 5; same, Paulitson Soc., 5; same, Gordon Band, 3; Pittsburg 9th, 29.68; same, Y. W. M. S., 10; Peter's Creek, 25; Mt. Prospect, 25; Salineville, 8.68; Allegheny 5th, Mission Circle, 10; West Union Allegheny Pres., 5; Erie, 10; Cochranton, 5; Power, 2; Shenango, 8; San Francisco 2d, 5; Morning Sun, Ia., 11.50; Galt, Canada, 25, 1st San Francisco, 10.

W. S. Indian Mission.—Piqua, 10; Welda, Willing Workers, \$3.50; Jamestown, Kan., 5; Springfield, Mission Band, 10; Springfield, Willing Workers, 5; Ulca, Pa., 15; Grove City, 11; Greenfield, Ia., 5; First Ohio Pres., 23.15; Southern Illinois Pres., 8.87; Pittsburg 2d, 20; Wilkinsburg Shining Light Band, 58; Allegheny 4th; Y. L. Aid Soc., 50; Allegheny 5th, Mission Circle, 10; Garnett Pres., 2.

Freedmen's.—Struthers, \$12; New Athens, Y. W. M. S., 9; Garner, for Bluestone, 5; Dexter, 9; Charlton, for Knoxville, 3; Sugar Run, 15; Huntsville, 10; also for Chase City, 5; Cedar Rapids 1st, 6; Legacy, Miss Lydia M. Collins, through 2d Xenia Soc. for Training school, Knoxville, 50; Springfield, Willing Workers, for Norfolk, 5; Cedarville, 5; Allegheny 7th, 10; Denver, for Knoxville, 5; also for Bluestone, 5; Freeport, 20; Centerville, 15; Grove City

for Norfolk, 11; Clarinda, 5; Greenfield, Ia., for Bluestone, 5; Living Lake, 16; Grand Prairie, 5; Winfield, 4; Beaver Run, for Prairie Bluff, 5; Jefferson Brookville, 6; Chicago 2d, 5; DeWitt, 9.77; First Ohio Pres., 20; Cedar Rapids 1st, for Norfolk, 10; Guilston, 10; Wooster, 13; Pittsburg 2d, for Knoxville, 20; also Pittsburg 3d, 20; Pittsburg 6th, Ewing Mission Band, 19; Pittsburg Oakland, for Norfolk, 5; St. Clair, 25; Pittsburg 7th, 5; same, Y. W. M. S., 10; Pittsburg 9th, 10; Union Monongahela Pres., 10; Indiana, Pa., for Norfolk, 25; Elderton, 5; Claysville, for Chase City, 7.93; Salineville, 5; West Union Allegheny Pres., 5; Deer Creek, 30; Erie, 10; Cochranton, 5; Power, 2; Shenango, 8.90; Morning Sun, Ia., 10; Garnett Pres., 2.

Little Girls' Home, Knoxville.—Springfield Mission Band, \$10; Kittanning, 10; Mt. Ayr, for pupil, 5; Page Center, for pupil, 5; Clearfield, for pupil, 8; York, Mo., for pupil, 10; Eugene, for pupil, 5; Brookville Pres., 10; Pittsburg, 6th, 5; Pittsburg 7th, Gordon Band, 3; Peter's Creek Mission Band, 10.

Little Boys' Home, Knoxville.—Brookville Pres., \$10.

Bible Reader, Knoxville.—Struthers, \$15; Pittsburg, 2d Mission Band, 20; Pittsburg 4th, 10; Pittsburg 6th, Y. W. M. S., 40.

Church Extension and Parsonage Fund.—North Buffalo, \$34; Charlton, 2; Monroe, 12.78; Summerset, 2.50; Summerset, Mission Band, 8.50; North English, 5; Kansas City Pres., 25; Nortonville, for Colfax debt, 2.50; Sugar Run, 14; Piqua, 10; Garnett Pres., 18; DeKalb, 10; Brooklyn 1st, 10; Xenia 1st, 10; Xenia 2d, 27.03; Springfield, Y. P. Soc., 11.50; Cedarville, 11; Allegheny 7th, 15; Uniontown, 2; Clarinda, 5; Grand Prairie, 5; Kirkwood 9.01; Alexis, 9; First Ohio Pres., 20.15; Pittsburg, 1st Y. W. M. S., 20; Pittsburg 2d, 25; Pittsburg 3d, 20; Pittsburg 5th, 5; Pittsburg 6th, 10; Pittsburg 7th, 5; same, Gordon Band, 3; Robinsons Run, 10; Deer Creek, 10; Ninneocah, 5; Wichita, 10; Erie, 10; Cochranton, 9.80; Power, 4.60; Waterford Mission Band, 5.29; Oil City, 7; San Francisco 1st, 5; San Francisco 2d, 3; Union, Monongahela Pres., for Mansfield, 10.

Ministerial Relief.—Charlton, \$1; Indianalo, 5.58; Miss Mary Bruce, Albany, N. Y., 25; Sugar Run, 5; A Friend, Huntsville, O., 5; Piqua, 10; Garnett Pres., 8; Cedar Rapids 1st, 7; Xenia 2d, 27.04; Springfield, 11; Springfield, Mission Band, 10; Springfield, Y. P. Soc., 11.50; Allegheny 7th, 10; Union Butler Pres., 8.15; Southern Illinois Pres., 10; Pittsburg 1st, 15; Pittsburg 2d, 10; Pittsburg 3d, Christian Workers, 2; Pittsburg 7th, 5; same, Paulitson Soc., 5; same Gordon Band, 3; Pittsburg 9th, Y. W. M. S., 2; Wilkinsburg, 30; Saltsburg, 4; Erie, 5; San Francisco 1st, 5.

Children's Church, Horton, Kansas.—Sugar Run Y. P. Soc., \$3.38, Springfield Willing Workers 10, Des Moines Mission Band 5, Monmouth 1st Mission Band 4, Pittsburg 3d Christian Workers 1.

Orphans' Home and Hospital, Allegheny.—Charlton \$2, Union Butler Pres. 11.65, York, Mo., 14; Monmouth 1st Mission Band 5, First Ohio Pres. 5, Pittsburg 2d Mission Band 5, Pittsburg 4th 5, Allegheny 7th 5, West Union 8.

Undesignated.—Prospect \$17, Mt. Ayr 15.88.

Gordon Monument Fund.—Mrs. Annie R. Herion, Treasurer, \$223.65.

Contingent Fund of W. A. Board.—Xenia Pres. \$7, First Ohio Pres. 6.50, Monongahela Pres. 6.50. Mrs. S. E. Johnson, M. D., on salary of Miss Jose Martin, 20. Magazine Committee on salary Miss Jose Martin, 10.

E. J. SLOAN, Treas.

PROGRAM FOR MONTHLY MISSIONARY MEETING.

- 1.—Psalm 68, 1-4. 2.—Prayer. 3.—Psalm 96, 1-4.
- 4.—Reading of Scripture, Isa. 60.
- 5.—Prayer for the enlightenment of the spirit, and for greater consecration.
- 6.—Subject for consideration: "The Western Home Field."
- 7.—Paper: "Woman as a Home Missionary."
- 8.—Conference: "Best Methods of Cultivating the Western Field."
- 9.—Queries to be answered by the members: (a) What do you know of the Western field? (b) Are our home missionaries properly supported? (c) Is it important to have women in the Western field for house-to-house visitation? (d) What is your individual responsibility in this matter?
- 10.—Close by prayer and by singing Ps. 72, 11-12.

MRS. E. M. WILLIAMSON,

MRS. J. A. HENDERSON, Omaha.

"QUESTION DRAWER."

[Address all communications for this department to Miss E. W. Pollock, care of Mrs. W. C. Hutchison, Xenia, Ohio.]

QUES. How shall we most successfully enlist the young girls in the Women's Missionary MAGAZINE and induce them to write for it now, and to feel that in future years the responsibility of its success will rest with them?

ANS. In reply to the question, "How can the subscriptions for this Magazine be increased," I will give the method used by our Society, and it seems with good results. I will say at the start promptness and method are necessary to the success of any undertaking, and I have found it so as regards this work. Get the entire list of the lady members of the congregation and divide it equally between fifteen or twenty ladies appointed to canvass for the work. Elect one as manager to make out these lists, placing the name of each canvasser on the list given her. Collect if possible when you get subscriber's names, as it saves time and work. If this cannot be done, make arrangements to have it at a certain time. Return the lists to the manager, who will finish the work. Save them, so if any mistake occurs she can have them for reference. It is the best plan to have this work done in a given time, say within a month. Make a special effort to have it finished by the last of June, and encourage the hearts of the ladies having this work in charge by a prompt renewal of subscriptions.

M. Q. W.

ANS. It occurs to me we might increase our subscriptions to the MAGAZINE if the president or some member of the missionary society would bring a copy of the MAGAZINE to each meeting, read extracts from it, seek opportunity to refer to it, and in every possible way bring it before the members and make every woman in the Society feel she *must take the Magazine* if she wants to keep herself informed as to the missionary work of the church.

QUES. Why are there not more Moodys in the world today? Why is it that every Christian has not that power of the Holy Spirit to win souls for Jesus?

ANS. To the first question, 1st Cor. 12: 27-30 will be the answer. Eph. 4:

11-12 will throw more light upon the subject. We have different gifts but we each should receive some gift. Eph. 4: 8; 1st Cor. 12: 4.

The second question can be answered by Mr. Moody's own words. "It is the privilege of *every one* of us to have *power*. But we have got to pay the price. Do you know what the price is? It is a complete and unconditional surrender unto God for *anything*. If God wants me to leave my home and go to Africa, I am to go. I would rather a thousand times be in Africa with God than to be in America without him. The trouble is we are afraid to surrender. We are afraid God is going to take away our health or our pleasure. Not at all. He is a loving Father. The fact is God can't *trust us* with *power*. Do you think railroad men would put trains into the hands of madmen? God is not going to put this power into the hands of men who have unholy ambitions. He can't do that. If our aim is to give glory to God, he can trust us with power." To the question asked him: "How shall I set out to get this power?" he replied: "Have just *one desire*. Have just one aim. Let *everything* else go. Make everything else secondary. Make up your mind that you are willing to lay everything else aside, that you may get this power. Hunger and thirst for it. 'Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.' God's way is to bless us, as we use what he has given us already. Use what you have and keep looking for more and it will increase. We must use or lose."

We are not all called to do the same work, but we are told to "be filled with the Spirit." And this command and the promise that it will be done are for men and women, old and young. Acts 1: 8; 2: 4, 38, 39. We are all commanded to preach and teach in some way, and he will be the power. If we are filled with this power which is the power of the Holy Spirit, we shall be witnesses unto him.

SUGGESTION CORNER.

Having recently enjoyed the privilege of attending two Presbyterial Missionary Societies, may I in the interest of missions, make a suggestion that I believe if heeded will greatly add to the success

of these meetings. It is this, that the ladies who take part shall cultivate speaking in a clear, distinct tone, and deliberately, so that each one in the audience may hear, and not go away dissatisfied. It is so recently that women have taken the entire charge of meetings, I know it is a trial and somewhat embarrassing, especially so when the audience is composed of gentlemen, usually of several ministers who express themselves as curious to see "how the women will get along." We are learning,—our hearts are in the work, and I believe in a few years women will be able to speak as effectively as men, but it is a lesson to be studied and practiced. It is God's work; therefore let us study the most effective methods of accomplishing it, and when we meet let us each come prepared to speak a word of good cheer that will help to inspire others; for we each have a personal influence over human hearts for good or ill. The solemn earnestness with which children of the Mission Bands listen to and look into the faces of their guides should inspire us to place before them examples of the best and highest both in what we say and how we say it.

THE FIRST U. P. CHURCH IN ARKANSAS.

The readers of our Magazine will be glad to know we have organized a United Presbyterian Church, at DeWitt, the county seat of Arkansas county, Arkansas, under the most encouraging circumstances. Mr. Miller preached on "The Christian's choice: My God Shall be Your God." As the sermon closed many were in tears. All interested in a United Presbyterian organization were then invited to the front seats. In a brief manner the distinctive principles of our church were stated and explained. Fourteen united, eleven on certificate and three on profession of their faith. Two Elders and four Trustees were elected. All felt the presence of God. In the morning a man came in to learn what would be required of him in uniting with the church; recalled his past life, repenting and believing and forming new resolutions. In the evening a couple, who had lately buried a child, came in to learn the way more perfectly. Our hearts burned within us as we talked and prayed with them. They resolved, by the help of Christ, to begin a new life, unite with the church, observe family worship, ask a blessing on their food, &c. So ended another Sabbath, a day long to be remembered. Next Sabbath we expect to organize our Sabbath school. We use the Midland topics; how good if these were international. Ten Cumberland Presbyterians are talking of uniting with us. If they will come up to our standard we will welcome them; if not, *we are better without them.* Others here will come with us soon. Our pastoral work is intensely interesting. We aim to spend three days each week in visits and calls; eating at their tables, talking, reading, singing and praying with them. Often a mother or sister rises from her knees in tears, thanking us for our prayers.

Those who have been called skeptics bow with us in prayer, and ask us to come again. Many say, "We are so glad you have come among us. We hope you will stay; we never had a minister to visit and talk with us. The Bible truths are so plain to us now. We feel that you and Mr. Miller are a God-send to us." Such sayings cause us to feel that the Lord has called us here for a great work. We left house and lands, &c.,—Mark x 29. 30. No large congregation, no salary, no warm parsonage awaited our coming. *We came in faith.* A few days after our arrival one man handed us \$50. Others met Mr. M. on the street, saying, "We hope you will stay; here is some money to help you along." Others come to our house, saying, "We are so glad to have you here, and we intend to support you." A man and wife at prayer-meeting handed us \$12, and a wealthy man has offered to deed us ten acres of fine land for a home if we wish to accept it. The Lord is almost daily sending us provision by the hand of some new friend. Just as we were getting to housekeeping, with part of our goods yet in Kansas, a box came to us from our L. M. S. of Sharon congregation, Indiana; among these good people we labored years ago. The little Dorcas society, also the children's band, had put their mite. God bless the children working for Jesus. Then the collections for us are so liberal, and our Board sent us a generous donation of books.

So you see the Lord is so soon fulfilling the first part of his promise, and O the glory of the latter part: "Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man the things God hath prepared for those that love him. Then let us press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Church work has been sadly neglected here since the war. The ministry are not only of the uneducated class but many are stained with crime. About forty families have written us in regard to our church and country here, some of whom will come over and help us. This beautiful prairie is being settled rapidly with northern people. It is a sanitarium for all chronic diseases. Our mild climate, cheap homes, productive soil, abundance of fruit, &c., make this a desirable location. Prairie land \$4 to \$8 per acre, and timber land \$2.50. To all those pleasantly situated we say, stay; you are needed where you are to advance Christ's cause. To those who have not church privileges we say, come and help us. It is sweet. O, it is grand to work here with Jesus! We are exceedingly happy, seeing God's blessing on our labors from day to day.

MRS. T. T. MILLER.

Fifth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Presbyterian Missionary Society of Des Moines Presbytery:

DES MOINES, Ia., April 2, 1889.

Ladies' Missionary Society of Des Moines Presbytery met at Des Moines, April 2, 1889, at 2:30 p. m. Meeting called to order by President Mrs. Gowdy, of Des Moines. Devotional exercises conducted in the usual way, consisting of singing and reading—prayer was offered by several of the ladies. The secretary being absent, Mrs. Monlux, of Monroe, was appointed secretary pro tem. After roll call a committee, consisting of Mrs. Bussing, of Knoxville; Mrs. Henry, of Indianola, and Mrs. Gilmore, of Oskaloosa, was appointed to nominate officers for the coming year. As much time had been used in preliminaries, it was decided to choose officers by acclamation. Mrs. Baldrige, of St. Charles, was chosen President; Mrs. Calhoun, of Indianola, Vice-President; Mrs. Griffin, of Albia, Secretary, and Mrs. Glasgow, of Des Moines, Treasurer. The officers assumed their proper responsibilities and a short address was given by President Mrs. Baldrige.

Mrs. Brant, of Des Moines, presented greetings. Mrs. Bramhall, of Summerset, read a paper on consecration of ourselves and our means to the Lord's cause, before we shall become efficient workers in his vineyard. After the assignment of delegates to their several places the meeting closed by singing.

At 7:30 p. m. the following program was listened to by a very interested and attentive audience:

Anthem, by choir; devotional exercises conducted by Miss Sue Blazer, of Newton; paper, "Our Young People—their Opportunities and how they are using them," Mrs. Schooley; recitation, Miss Nellie McCaughan, of Des Moines; music; paper, "The Reflex Influence of Liberal Giving to the Lord's Cause," Miss Gowdy, of Des Moines; recitation, two little girls of the Sabbath-school infant class; song, Master Robert Linsey; paper, "Young People's Mission Band," Mr. Stewart, of Des Moines; closing anthem, by choir. Adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m.

9:30 a. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Monlux. Bible reading by Mrs. Baldrige, subject—"The Christian's life a life of service."

Reading reports of different societies by secretary was next in order. A motion prevailed that the thank offering shall not be counted in the sum total in the reports of societies. Treasurer's report read and accepted. The indebtedness shown by this report was cancelled by a collection.

On motion society decided to pay delegate's fund in advance hereafter. Delegate chosen for next General Missionary Society, Mrs. Shaw, of Monroe.

Next was a paper by Mrs. Monlux, subject—"How can the Women of Des Moines Presbytery aid in raising the quota for the different Boards of the Church? Our individual responsibility in the matter." Short discussions followed by Mrs. Stotts, Mrs. McCaughan, Mrs. Young of the Presbyterian church, Mrs. Brant and Mrs. Mumford. Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting opened by Mrs. Gilmore. On motion it was decided to send a delegate from this society to the Presbyterian Society of Keokuk, which meets at Morning Sun, the third Tuesday in April; Mrs. Baldrige was chosen as delegate. In order to raise sufficient traveling fund a tax of 15 cents was placed on each member of each society, to be paid at the first convening of each society. A card was read from Miss Pollock, of the MISSIONARY MAGAZINE, asking for help in her department of the work. Mrs. Wallace, of Des Moines, was appointed to aid in the matter for the coming three months, after which she will be relieved by Miss Nellie Hastie, of Summerset. A paper was read by Mrs. Scroggs, of Des Moines, subject—"Missionary Gleaning."

Memorial service was next in order. It was in honor of members of missionary societies deceased during the year: Mrs. Shaw, of Des Moines; Mrs. McCorkle, of Union, and Mrs. Freeman, of Indianola. The services consisted of the recitation of verses of scripture by members of society, which were both comforting and instructive; an original poem by Mrs. Glasgow, on the death of our pastor's wife, Mrs. Shaw, who was an earnest worker in the Ladies' Missionary Society of Des Moines. Resolutions from her society were read by Mrs. Gowdy, and recommended that they be published in the Church papers.

Greetings from sister missionary societies of Des Moines were offered by Mrs. Young, of the Presbyterian church; Mrs. Henry, of the Lutheran church; Mrs. Goodrich, of the North Park church, and also from the Congregational church.

A discussion on "Tithing" was opened by Mrs. Johnson, of India, followed by Mrs. Young, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Goodrich, Mrs. Gowdy, Mrs. Bal-

drige and Mrs. McCaughan. Paper, "Can the home and foreign missionary work be successfully separated, or are they equally important?" by Mrs. Morrow, of Dexter, followed by Mrs. McCaughan, Mrs. Mumford, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Young.

A motion prevailed to have a fuller account of the minutes of this meeting published than formerly.

On motion a collection will be taken in each society, the proceeds of which shall be sent direct from each society to Rev. Albert Gordon, Alliance, Nebraska, who is doing a missionary work there, to be sent as church extension fund. Also a committee was appointed to prepare a series of resolutions, a copy of which shall be sent to the Church papers and also to them, showing our sympathy in the loss of their babe and the protracted illness of Mr. Gordon. A letter from Miss S. E. Wilson, of India, to the Presbyterian Society, was read by Mrs. Johnson, of India.

EVENING SESSION—7:30.

The place of next meeting of Presbyterian Missionary Society will be at St. Charles. A full delegation is solicited. A vote of thanks was given to the ladies of Des Moines Missionary Society for their inexpressible kindness and hospitality during the entire meeting, which closed by a lecture from Mrs. Johnson, of India, on the reflex influence of missionary work, showing how the good news is spread. The audience showed its appreciation by a liberal collection amounting to from \$26 to \$30.

MRS. BALDRIDGE, Pres.

MRS. GRIFFIN, Secretary.

LIST OF SOCIETIES REPRESENTED BY DELEGATES.

Indianola, Mrs. C. L. Henry, Mrs. W. J. Clark; Monroe, Mrs. M. E. Stotts, Mrs. L. P. McCroskey; Winterset, Mrs. McCaughan; Oskaloosa, Mrs. J. L. Gilmore; Service, Mrs. J. S. Griffin; Newton, Miss Sue Blazer; St. Charles, Mrs. W. R. Baldrige, Mrs. J. W. Baird; Knoxville, Mrs. McNabb; Mrs. M. R. Bussing; Milo, Mrs. Paxton; Summerset, Mrs. Bramhall, Miss Georgia Hastie; Des Moines, Mrs. Linsey, Mrs. Glasgow; Chariton, Miss Gowe, Miss Gillespie; Unity, Mrs. Mumford; Dexter, Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Allen.

MISSION BANDS.

Summerset, Miss Nellie Wright; Des Moines, Mr. R. E. Stewart.

VISITORS.

Milo, Miss Fee; Monroe, Mrs. Monlux; Union, Mrs. Sawhill.

Resolutions of sympathy tendered to Rev. and Mrs. Gordon, of Alliance, Neb., by Des Moines Presbyterian Missionary Society, April 3, 1889:

WHEREAS—Rev. and Mrs. Gordon, now of Alliance, Neb., who were formerly co-workers with us, have been sorely afflicted in the loss of their only child, and in the severe illness of Rev. Gordon. Therefore,

Resolved—That we, as a society, tender them our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Resolved—That we commend them to "Our Heavenly Father" who doth not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.

MRS. HENRY WALLACE,
MRS. M. E. STOTTS,
MRS. JOS. CALHOUN.

} Committee.

The eleventh Annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Association of Xenia Presbytery was held in the United Presbyterian Church Springfield, Ohio, April 5th, 1889. Miss Mary Turner, Mrs. Rev. Robb and Mrs. Rev. Kyle conducted the devotional exercises at the different sessions. Excellent papers were prepared and read by the following persons: "Home Missions," Miss Pearl Collins; "Review of London Missionary Conference," Miss Mary Porter; "Woman's part in Mis-

sion Work fifty years ago," Miss Sallie McDowell. A memorial paper was presented by Mrs. W. G. Moorehead giving a short account of the beautiful Christian character of Mrs. Ella Walker Gibney. A report of the Magazine Committee read by Mrs. Hutchison was prepared with much thought and care by Mrs. Belle Patterson. She tried to place before her hearers the many trials and discouragements of this Committee; also many reasons for encouragements. Mrs. Dr. Carson made a report of the General Missionary Convention at Washington, Pa. One of the most enjoyable features of the evening was an exercise by the Springfield Mission Band conducted by Miss Mary Clokey. Miss Emma D. Anderson gave a lecture and representation of Zenana work in India, which was very interesting and listened to with marked attention by the large audience present. The Committee on Nominations submitted the following names for election to office: President, Mrs. J. B. Carruthers; Vice Presidents, Misses Mary Clokey and Irwin; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Cooley; Cor. Secretary, Miss Mary Hamilton; Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Jobe. The report was adopted and the ladies named elected for the ensuing year. The Committee on Resolutions presented the following: The Woman's Missionary Society of Xenia Presbytery, assembled in eleventh annual session at Springfield, Ohio, April 5th, 1886, desire to present to Mrs. J. H. Wright, of the First United Presbyterian church of Xenia, Ohio, their deep and earnest sympathy in the sore bereavement that in the providence of God has come upon her in the death of her beloved husband and the father of her children. A loss that not only shrouds the wife and family in sorrow, but casts its dark shadow over the congregation, the entire community and the Church at large. The Presbyterian Society feels especially bereaved in the loss of one whose broad and tender sympathies extended to all departments of Christian work. We recognize that our Heavenly Father makes no mistakes and our confidence is that inasmuch as "He doeth all things well" greater blessings will come to those who patiently accept his will. We rejoice that the unfaltering trust and bright hope of years did not fall but joyfully sustained our friend and made his death triumphant."

Mrs. George Moore,
Mrs. Laura Finley,
Miss Mary Turner,
Miss Sallie McDowell.

The Committee in behalf of the Presbyterian Society expressed their hearty thanks to the ladies of the United Presbyterian congregation of Springfield, for their generous hospitality.

Upon motion of Mrs. Dr. Carson a vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers of the Association.

Upon invitation it was agreed to hold the next Association in Columbus the first Thursday in April, 1890. MRS. T. L. MAGRUDER, Sec.

The Woman's Missionary Association of Monmouth Presbytery, held its annual meeting April 4th, 1889 in the 2d church Monmouth. After spending the first half hour in devotional exercises conducted by the president, Miss J. C. Logue, minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved. Thirty-two delegates responded to roll call. Reports from local societies were very encouraging, showing an increased interest in mission work; the Treasurer's report was also encouraging.

The Association decided to hold but one meeting a year, and that in the Spring, unless by special request of some of the local societies.

Afternoon session was opened with a Bible-reading conducted by Mrs. Cowan, of Kirkwood, subject, "The Workers and the Work."

Officers elected for the ensuing year were, Presi-

dent, Mrs. Thomson Kirkwood; Vice President, Miss Mary Gerlaw, of Gerlaw; Rec. Secretary, Miss Maude Renwick, of Alexis; the other officers—Treasurer and Cor. Secretary—to serve another year.

A very interesting letter from Miss Campbell, our missionary in India, was read by Mrs. McMichael. An hour was then devoted to Mission Bands of 1st and 2d churches. We were highly entertained by them with declamations, songs, &c., &c. We also had a very good report from the Boy's Mission Band of the 5d church, which was organized during the past year; they seem to take hold of the work with quite as much enthusiasm as the girls.

Mrs. Nichol, formerly a missionary in Egypt, gave us a delightful talk on that country—the people, their customs and manners. We heartily commend Mrs. Nichol to missionary societies desiring to be entertained and at the same time to learn something of missions and missionaries. Her address is Monmouth, Ill.

A collection amounting to \$24.90 was taken and our meeting closed with benediction by Rev. R. I. Davidson, in whose congregation we hold our next meeting.

The L. P. M. S. of Garnett Presbytery met in Garnett April 9, 1889, and was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the President, Mrs. Ewing, after which cordial greetings were extended by the sister societies of this place and responded to by the President. Fifteen delegates responded to roll call.

April 10—9 a. m.—Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Logan, of Richmond, and was followed by a business meeting.

The following program was successfully rendered:

Paper—Our Best for God—Mrs. Burrell, Olathe. "How Much Owest Thou My Lord?"—Mrs. Hutchison, Emporia.

"Woman's Work in the Church and for the World"—Mrs. Wright, Ottawa.

Discussion on the subject, "What Have We as Christian Women to Do With the Sabbath Question?" Very interesting letters were read from the Misses Smith and Thompson. Miss Anderson addressed the ladies, and was much appreciated by all present. The Garnett and Welda Mission bands gave interesting programs. The reports of societies were all encouraging.

Officers for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Mrs. Dr. Ewing, Ottawa; 1st Vice President, Mrs. P. H. Gibson, Beulah; 2d Vice President, Mrs. Col. Houston, Garnett; Recording Secretary, Miss S. B. Henderson, Richmond; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mary Service, Ottawa; Treasurer, Mrs. S. J. Henderson, Richmond.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

Resolved, That we, as members of the church and as members of the missionary society, thank God and take courage. Thank him that women have the grand privilege of meeting in organized bodies for the purpose of promoting our Redeemer's kingdom. Thank him for the many doors that are being opened to the women of all churches to help roll on that little stone cut out of the mountain without hands, until it shall fill the whole earth. Take courage, that God by his grace is increasing our numbers, our zeal and our contributions, also crowning our labor with wonderful success.

Resolved, That we, as workers together and as individuals, do all in our power to encourage the young, especially little boys and girls, to work in the vineyard of the Lord. That we use our influence to get them to love church work by making it pleasant for them; teaching them that God requires a cheerful work from them and rewards them both in this life and in the life to come.

Resolved, That we both labor and pray more earnestly for the conversion of the world; for a true revival in all christian churches. That we rely more implicitly on the promises of God to hear and answer the prayer of Faith, remembering that Jesus says: "If ye ask anything in my name I will do it;" "If ye love me keep my commandments," and that we study his word prayerfully to ascertain what his commandments and promises are.

Resolved, That we use our utmost energy, with God's help, to banish intemperance, and to create and build up a Temperance spirit, especially among the young.

Resolved, That we will endeavor to understand and appreciate more and more the labors of our Foreign Missionaries, after having heard the interesting address of Miss Emma D. Anderson. That we pray more for her, and her great and glorious work—the Foreign mission work in India.

Resolved, That we appreciate the kindness of the Baptist brethren in giving us their church in which to hold our meeting. Also, that we return our sincere thanks to the different denominations who kindly greeted us at the opening of our meeting and expressed an interest in our work. That we bid them God speed in their part of the work in this great building of God, and that we express our heartfelt thanks to the people of Garnett for their kindness to us. We feel that it is good to be here.

MRS. SANKEY, }
MRS. LYON, } Committee
MRS. WILSON, }

Adjourned to meet in Richmond the first Wednesday in April, 1890.

S. B. HENDERSON,
Recording Secretary Pro Tem.

The annual meeting of the W. M. S. of Beaver Valley Presbytery was held in New Brighton, Pa., April 4 and 5, 1889. Delegates were present from every Congregational society in the Presbytery. Six new societies have been organized during the past year. The number of societies (including the mission bands) is 27. The enrolled membership is 681, an increase of 66 during the year. The amount contributed for all purposes was \$1,512, being a gain of \$342 over the preceding year.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. B. Burr; 1st Vice President, Mrs. A. P. Hutchison; 2d Vice President, Mrs. N. Winegart; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. J. Blevens; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. N. Winegart; Treasurer, Mrs. W. N. Aiken.

Well prepared papers were read by Mrs. Mary E. Houston; subject, "Worship;" "Report of the G. W. M. S.," by Mrs. J. A. Edie; "Watchman, What of the Night?" by Miss Lydia Cowden. A discussion on "How to conduct meetings of Congregational Societies" was opened by Miss Mattie Paisley. Discussion on "How shall money for church and missionary work be raised, by giving or entertainment?" was opened by Mrs. N. Winegart. A very entertaining exercise was given by the "Willing Workers" of New Brighton. The Society was favored with the presence and helpful suggestions of Miss Jose Martin, of New Concord, Ohio, who has been laboring in our Presbytery in the interest of the Women's Board and MAGAZINE Committees. She reported that she had visited ten congregations since coming to us and had organized two new societies, one at Oakland and a Y. L. M. S. at New Brighton, and expects to visit the remaining congregations during the next ten days. We believe her work has been productive of much good, and take pleasure in recommending her to other Presbyterial Societies.

Rev. M. S. Telford, of Wurtemberg, delivered an excellent address before the Society Thursday evening. His theme was "Every Christian a Missionary."

It was decided to memorialize the G. W. M. S. in regard to the reporting of funds used for congregational purposes with other money used directly for mission work. The resolutions adopted were as follows:

WHEREAS, In the providence of God the way has been opened up for the work of women, not only in the church but in all moral reforms; and realizing as we do that we are in the midst of stirring times, and in special view of the fact that the conflict against the liquor traffic is at hand—the time for which we long have prayed—therefore,

Resolved, That we thank God for his favor to us, and go forward with renewed consecration in his cause.

Resolved, That as members of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ we will use all our influence in favor of the Constitutional Prohibitory Amendment now before the people of Pennsylvania.

A resolution expressing sympathy with our co-laborer, Mrs. L. E. Frazer, in her illness and prayer for her speedy recovery, was adopted; also, one of thanks to the kind people of New Brighton for their generous hospitality.

The Society adjourned to meet at Mahoning in September, 1889. MARY C. HARPER, *Secretary*.

GORDON MONUMENT ACCOUNT CLOSED.

IN making the acknowledgments of money received for the Gordon Monument Fund, a few words of explanation may be expedient to prevent any misunderstanding.

The cost of monument, with necessary expense of putting the lot in order, was \$315.00. This bill was paid by Dr. Sophie E. Johnson, and in the hope of replacing the money the memorial addresses were published. Some of Dr. Johnson's friends, knowing that only a small part of the money had been realized by this plan interested themselves in the matter, and altogether unsolicited by Dr. Johnson, an appeal was made by Mrs. W. J. Reid, through the *United Presbyterian*, asking for contributions to pay for this last token of respect to Dr. Gordon.

Previous to this appeal being made Mr. J. K. Shryock, of Philadelphia, had charge of the sale of the Memorial pamphlets and received on account of this Fund \$105.00. The following statement includes the money received by Mr. Shryock, and friends of Dr. Gordon who have so kindly assisted will be gratified to know the desired sum has been realized.

The expense of postage for mailing the pamphlets amounts to \$12.94. Received in response to the appeal published in the *United Presbyterian* \$222.15. Through Mr. J. K. Shryock \$105.00. Total amount \$327.15, sufficient to cover postage.

If names have been omitted please no-

tify at once. **MRS. ANNIE R. HERRON,**
188 Sandusky St., Allegheny, Pa.

RECEIVED FOR THE GORDON MONUMENT FROM INDIVIDUALS.

Jane Morton, Lebanon, 75c; Mr. John C. Moore, McCandless, Pa., 50c; W. B. and Bella Lawrence, Winchester, Kan., \$3 00; A United Presbyterian, Bellevue, Neb., 1 00; Rev. M. and Mrs. E. T. Morrison, Mission Creek, Neb., 3 00; A Friend, Gibsonia, Pa., 1 00; Mr. Alex. Patterson, Warsaw, Ind., 1 00; Miss Jennie McCraig, Welda, Kansas, 50c; Miss Kittie M. Brown, Welda, Kansas, 50c; Mrs. Brush, Clarence, Iowa, 50c; Dr. E. F. Anderson, Clarence, Iowa, 50c; Bell Kilgore, Washington, Iowa, 1 00; Mrs. Allan, Stamford, Ontario, Canada, 4 00; Miss Ella Smith, Westford, Pa., 50c; Friends, Westford, Pa., 1 00; Miss E. Rount, Pittsburgh, Pa., 50c; Miss M. Nimick, Allegheny, Pa., 50c; Miss Martin, Allegheny, Pa., 2 00; Mr. W. C. Herron, Noblestown, Pa., 1 00; Mamie Stevenson, Pittsburgh, Pa., 50c; M. W. L. Sloan, Allegheny, Pa., 50c; Mrs. Nettie Donnan, New Castle, Pa., 8 00; Mr. John Burnside, Garner, Iowa, 1 00; Mrs. A. Griffen, Fairview, Ohio, 1 00; Mrs. M. D. McKee, New Wilmington, Pa., 50c; Mrs. E. Maxwell, Norwich, Iowa, 1 00; Mrs. Jane Gest, Braddock, Pa., 5 00; Mrs. S. J. Shaw, Braddock, Pa., 5 00; Rev. S. F. Morrow, Albany, N. Y., 1 00; Rev. A. Young, D.D., Parnassus, Pa., 5 00; Mrs. J. Caldwell, Indiana, Pa., 50c; Mrs. B. A. Allison, Indiana, Pa., 50c; Mrs. Blevin, New Castle, Pa., 1 00; Mrs. H. J. Hanna, West Newton, Pa., 1 00; Mr. C. F. Dean, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2 00; Mrs. W. H. Shaw, Bellevue, Pa., 2 00; Mrs. W. J. Sawyer, Allegheny, Pa., 3 00; Mrs. M. Wilson, Newport, Iowa, 1 00; Miss E. Wilson, Guardaspur, India, 1 00; Miss Mattie Daltzell, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1 00; Mrs. Dr. Mabon, Allegheny, 2 00; Miss Jennie Hill, Vernon, Pa., 1 00; Mrs. Wylie Stevenson, Allegheny, Pa., 1 00; Miss Ellen Clark, Mechanicstown, Ohio, 50c. Total receipts, \$63.75.

FROM SOCIETIES.

L. M. S., Clarence, Iowa, \$1 00; L. M. S., Stamford, Ontario, Canada, 20 00; W. M. S. 3rd church, Pittsburgh, Pa., 3 50; McRory M. B., 3rd church, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2 00; West End, Pittsburgh, Pa., 8 00; W. M. S. 1st church, Pittsburgh, Pa., 10 00; W. M. S. 6th church, Pittsburgh, Pa., 7 50; Mission Band, Corn, Iowa, 5 20; Ladies of 1st church, Des Moines, Iowa, 5 00; L. M. S., Bloomfield, Ohio, 2 00; Ellison W. M. S., Biggville, Ill., 5 00; Y. L. M. Band, Sewickley, Pa., 5 00; L. M. S., Princeton, Ind., 10 00; Sabbath School, Beaver, Pa., 5 70; L. M. S., Greensburg, Pa., 5 00; L. M. S., Wurttemberg, Pa., 6 00; W. M. S., Garner, Ia., 5 00; Washington Con., Washington, Pa., 10 00; L. M. S., Mercer, Pa., 10 00; W. M. S., 1st church, New Castle, Pa., 4 00; W. M. S., Elmira, Ill., 7 00; Willing Workers, 1st church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1 00; L. M. S., Uniontown Con., Ohio, 1 00; L. M. S., Hookstown, Pa., 10 00; L. M. S., Ninescah Con., Kansas, 2 00; Sabbath-school, hadison, Ind., 3 00; W. M. S., 1st church, Xenia, Olo, 5 00; W. M. S., 2nd church, Xenia, Ohio, 5 00; 2nd church, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1 00.

RECEIVED THROUGH MR. J. K. SHRYOCK.

Miss Mary Bruce, Albany, New York, 5 00; Rev. T. W. Anderson, New York City, New York, 25 00; Mr. John Martin, Harlensburg, New York, 50c; Mr. W. H. Harrison, New York City, New York, 17 50; General Assembly, 5 50; A. G. Murray, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 8 00; Rev. W. B. Smiley, Cannonsburg, Pa., 3 00; Rev. L. N. Lafferty, Creston, Iowa, 1 00; Rev. J. Sawhill, Winterset, Iowa, 1 00; Rev. J. P. Sankey, Rochester, New York, 5 00; Rev. S. J. Shaw, Braddock, Pa., 2 50; Rev. W. J. Robinson, Allegheny, Pa., 5 00; Rev. R. H. Hume, Morning Sun, Ohio, 6 00; 1st church, Pittsburgh,

Pa., 6 00; Mrs. P. McCormick, Traer, Iowa, 2 50; Mrs. L. G. McNary, Pana, Illinois, 1 00; Mrs. S. J. W. Patterson, Euna Vista, Pa., 50c; Rev. W. G. Waddle, New Athens, Ohio, 2 00; Rev. W. W. Barr, Philadelphia, Pa., 5 00; Rev. James Price, Frankford, Pa., 50c; Unknown, 3 00.

Total amount collected, \$328.65. Postage, \$12.94.

A committee of the Illinois Central P. L. M. S. was appointed to draft resolutions of respect on the occasion of Mrs. Rev. Morrow's removal from the bounds of the Presbytery. The following are offered:

Resolved, That this Society bears testimony to the uniform faithfulness of Mrs. Morrow, in all the work of the Society.

Resolved, That her earnestness of Christian character, and the more than usual efficiency in every department of our work, furnish an example we would all do well to emulate.

Resolved, That we sincerely regret the loss of one of our most useful and honored members. In her papers so ably prepared, her official duties so well performed she has proved a valuable member and her removal will cause a vacancy which will be hard to fill.

MRS. MARTHA RANDALL,
MRS. B. M. KNOX, Com.

Died, at her home in Elmira, Ills., February 18, 1889, Mattie E. Turnbull, in her twentieth year. She was an active member of the L. M. S. For eleven weeks she suffered patiently before she was called to rest. Always cheerful, always ready to lend a helping hand, always faithful in duty. We cannot but mourn her early departure, yet we know that our loss is her eternal gain.

Resolved, That this be copied in our minutes; also a copy be furnished the bereaved family, and one sent to the WOMEN'S MISSIONARY MAGAZINE.

MISS M. RULE,
MISS NELLIE GRIEVE, } Com.
MISS JEMIMA JACKSON. }

The following is the action of the Ladies' Missionary Society of Mission Creek, Neb., on the death of Mrs. Fannie Wallace, which occurred January 25, 1889:

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in his providence to remove from earth one of the first members of our congregation and Society—mysterious are his ways, though wise, in calling this mother from her dear little ones, who so much needed her at this present time, to us seems strange;

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father who doeth all things according to the good pleasure of his will. In her quiet, unassuming manner she has left us an example of prudence and piety.

Resolved, That although her sufferings were severe from the first of her illness and her death sudden, we have reason to feel assured she was prepared for an entrance up higher; that we remember her as a dear, christian friend, and one who was always ready to extend a helping hand to the afflicted—as some of us who have been the recipients of her help and sympathy can testify.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the husband and motherless children and commend them to the care of a loving Savior who cares for them. "She is not dead but sleepeth; and them that sleep in Jesus will God bring with him and they shall reign in glory for evermore."

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the WOMAN'S MISSIONARY MAGAZINE and Midland.

MRS. LIZZIE NASH,
MRS. E. T. MORRISON,
MISS NELLIE KINKADE,
MISS MARY WILMOTH,
Committee.

The following is the action of the L. M. Society of the United Presbyterian congregation of Des Moines, Iowa:

"As folds a flower at evening time
To greet afresh at morn, the break of day—
So dies the Christian."

It was gently whispered amid the suppressed sobbings of friends in the sick chamber of our dear sister, Mrs. T. A. Shaw, "The Master is come and calleth for thee. As soon as she heard that she arose quickly and came unto him." And we felt that we could almost hear the voice saying, "Come up higher"—"Well done"—"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth—yea, saith the spirit—that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Words fail to express our sorrow when we received news of the death of our dear sister in Christ. One so cheerful, active and zealous in every good work. One so liberal in giving—so willing to sacrifice self for the good of others and the extension of Christ's kingdom. For more than four years President of our L. M. Society,—her place is now vacant, her prayers, her example and words of cheer and encouragement we shall miss—but for her it is infinite gain, only a transfer from service to rest and reward, and from the discordant notes of earthly praise to join the blissful songs of the redeemed in heaven. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will cherish the memory and example of our sister; that we will listen, that even yet we may hear the echo of that voice so often heard while with us, "Oh let us do more for the Master."

Resolved, That in her short life, dedicated early and always to the service of Christ, we would realize that they only live long who live well; we would be impressed with the uncertainty and value of time, and with the great responsibility of living with reference to eternity.

Resolved, That in her patience and resignation to God's will, in her peaceful and happy death, we witness the triumph of faith stronger than death. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for thou art with me." "When thou passeth through the waters I will be with thee, and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee."

Resolved, That our deepest sympathy is with our pastor, in his great sorrow, and the little motherless children, the mother, sister and friends thus bereaved, and we pray that the consolation of God's grace and his precious promises may sustain and comfort them.

MRS. ALLISON, }
MRS. GLASGOW, } Com.
MRS. GOWDY. }

The following tribute of love from the Woman's Missionary Society of the Third United Presbyterian Church, Xenia, Ohio, is to the memory of Mrs. Thomas Moore, who died November 12, 1888:

Once again it is our sad duty to record the death of another christian friend and co-worker. Only last June did death enter our band and remove from us a young wife and mother, and now in the short space of a few months are we called upon again to record the death of another sister, who, though not so young in years, was we feel much needed to her family and to her church. As members of the Society we feel that we have lost a cheerful, willing and faithful worker, ever active in the church and in her home. It is hard for us to realize that her work here is done. Why she should have been taken when there seemed so much yet for her to do, is one of those mysteries we cannot understand.

But the Lord knoweth, and some day when we are where they reckon not by days and years he

will tell us, and let us look back on life's story and see the golden thread of his Fatherly love and care shining over and around it all. Our prayer is, that the God of the orphan may enfold in his tender mercy the children deprived of a mother's loving care. "Let us, Lord, this lesson learn. May our every moment be faithfully filled up for thee."

We extend our earnest and heartfelt sympathy to the husband and children in their sad bereavement, and with them we rejoice in the assurance that their and our loss is her great gain.

MRS. W. G. MOOREHEAD,
MRS. GEORGE CRABE,
Committee.

The following is the action of the L. M. S. of the First United Presbyterian Church of Mercer, Pa., on the death of Mrs. Mary A. Small, wife of the late Rev. Edward Small, who died at her home in the above named place Sabbath evening, March 3, 1889:

It is with sincere sorrow our society mourns the death of one of its most successful and respected members, Mrs. Mary A. Small. For nearly fifty years she was a member of the congregation now known as the First United Presbyterian Church of Mercer, and was always prominently identified with every movement calculated to promote its prosperity and advance the cause of christianity. She was born in the town of Cadiz, Ohio, in 1820, and came to Mercer to live with her husband, the late Rev. Edward Small, in 1839, and from that time almost to the day of her death she was recognized as a woman of more than ordinary mental endowments, and was therefore accorded that position in society which talent always commands. Although the natural infirmities incident to advance in life prevented her from taking an active part in our meetings for several years, she was always with us in spirit and her counsel was never sought without profit.

Resolved, That in the death of Mrs. Small this Society has lost one of its oldest and most honored members, and the church a faithful and devoted communicant who always sought to promote the cause of the Master.

Resolved, That we tender to her bereaved family our sympathy, and remind them that the hand that brought this affliction is the "One that doeth all things well."

COMMITTEE.

The more closely we walk with God the more clearly will we understand the real condition of this present world. I can learn more about the course and destiny of the world by reading the page of the Bible than by reading the newspaper.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

"Each morning I seek to give myself to my Heavenly Father for the day; saying, 'Take me, Lord, and use me today as thou wilt.'"

"What ever work thou hast for me to do, give it unto my hands."

"If there are those thou would'st have me help in any way, send them to me."

"Take my time and use it as thou wilt."

"Let me be a vessel close to thy hand and meet for thy service, to be employed only for thee and for ministry to others."

In his name."

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